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## APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: LINDA MOULTON-PATTERSON, Chair DAN EATON STEVEN R. JONES JOSE MEDINA MICHAEL PAPARIAN

STAFF PRESENT:
MARK LEARY, Interim Executive Director
KATHRYN TOBIAS, Chief Counsel
ELLIOT BLACK, Legal Counsel
MICHAEL BLEDSOE, Legal Counsel
DEBORAH MCKEE, Board Assistant
YVONNE VILLA, Board Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: EDNA WALZ, Office of the Attorney General

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1 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 --000--3 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Good morning and welcome back to our August meeting. Today when we get 4 5 started we'll be taking up items eighteen to the end of the agenda. 6 7 Before we start we'll ask the members for 8 ex-partes. Mr. Eaton. 9 BOARD MEMBER EATON: I'm current, thank you. 10 11 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. Mr. Jones. 12 13 BOARD MEMBER JONES: John Cupps. 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. 15 Mr. Paparian. BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: None. 16 17 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: And then we need 18 to call the roll. 19 And I have none. 20 Will the secretary call the roll, please? BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Eaton? 21 BOARD MEMBER EATON: None incurred. 22 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones? 23 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye or here. 24 25 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?

- 1 (Not present.)
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- 3 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Here.
- 4 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 5 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Here. Ms.
- 6 Tobias, do we need to do ex-partes again, or is it okay?
- 7 LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Have we started today?
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Well I reversed
- 9 the order.
- 10 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: It doesn't make any
- 11 difference what order we started in.
- 12 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Before we start
- 13 I'd like to ask Mr. Leary to put an agenda item on for
- 14 September to go over, to formalize Board procedures that
- 15 we worked on. I think all the Board members have seen
- 16 them, at least in rough form, and we'll discuss that
- 17 publicly.
- 18 And then also calendar dates for next year and
- 19 meeting dates, and see that we have concurrence with the
- 20 members.
- 21 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: Will do,
- 22 Madam Chair.
- 23 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- Okay. Then we'll start right out with number 18, Ms.
- 25 Nauman.

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- 1 MS. NAUMAN: Good morning, Board members, Madam
- 2 Chair. Julie Nauman with the Permitting and Enforcement
- 3 Division.
- 4 Item 18 is consideration of a new solid waste
- 5 facility permit for Environmental Reclaiming Solutions,
- 6 Inc. in Yolo County.
- 7 Beatrice Poroli will make the presentation.
- 8 MS. POROLI: Good morning. For the record, my
- 9 name is Beatrice Poroli with the Permitting and
- 10 Inspection Branch.
- 11 This item was heard at the June 19, 2001
- meeting, excuse me, 2001 Board meeting. The Board took
- 13 no action because the applicant waived the time until the
- 14 August Board meeting to allow the Yolo County Planning
- 15 Commission to act on the conditional use permit.
- 16 The Yolo County Planning Commission met on
- 17 August 9th, 2001 and voted to continue the item until
- 18 September 13, 2001 meeting to allow the operator time to
- 19 complete the necessary paperwork.
- The proposed permit is to allow the following:
- 21 Increase the amount of green material on site
- 22 from 10,000 cubic yards to 50,000 cubic yards initially,
- 23 and eventually increase the volume to a level of up to
- 24 100,000 cubic yards. And to increase the permitted area
- 25 from 20 to 56 acres.

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- 1 As discussed in the agenda starting on page
- 2 18-5, the facility has been operating in violation of the
- 3 Public Resource Code Section 44014(B), terms and
- 4 conditions of the July, 1998 registration permit.
- 5 The facility has been operating under a notice
- 6 and order since November, 1998.
- 7 Upon Board concurrence with the proposed permit
- 8 and the subsequent issuance by the LEA, the violation
- 9 will be corrected. As is indicated on page 18-5 of the
- 10 agenda item, Board staff have determined that all of the
- 11 requirements have been met.
- 12 Staff reviewed the proposed permit and
- 13 supporting documentation and have found them to be
- 14 acceptable for consideration by the Board.
- 15 In conclusion, staff recommend the Board adopt
- 16 solid waste facility permit decision number 2001-183,
- 17 concurring in the issuance of a solid waste facility
- 18 permit number 57-AA-0029.
- 19 The operator and the LEA are present to answer
- 20 any questions you may have.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 22 much.
- 23 Any questions from the Board? Mr. Paparian.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I'm sorry, did you talk
- 25 about the conditional use permit they were going to get

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- 1 last week?
- 2 MS. POROLI: For that item they voted to
- 3 continue that until the September 13th committee meeting,
- 4 I mean commission meeting. They wanted the operator,
- 5 from my understanding they needed a signature on the lien
- 6 to complete the process.
- 7 The operator can come up and explain more
- 8 details of what they needed to do and by when.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. But as far as we
- 10 know it's not because of concerns that might lead to them
- 11 not getting a conditional use permit?
- 12 MR. DE BIE: Mark de Bie with Permitting and
- 13 Inspection.
- Just a clarification, they do have a conditional
- 15 use permit presently. The county was going through a
- 16 process of potentially rescinding that because of the
- 17 bond issue that the operator was having difficulty
- 18 complying with.
- 19 Our understanding is that they're working,
- 20 they're continuing to work through that process, they're
- 21 putting up the property, and again the operator can give
- 22 you much more detail. But the property is being
- 23 involved, and there's a final signature that's required
- 24 to complete the paperwork. And I did hear anecdotally
- 25 that the person that needs to sign that is in Alaska, so

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- 1 there may be some difficulty in getting that signature in
- 2 a timely manner.
- 3 It's also our understanding that the planning
- 4 commission did vote this month to decide not to rescind
- 5 the CUP, but then they also did continue the matter until
- 6 September so that the paperwork could be completed.
- 7 (BOARD MEMBER MEDINA ARRIVED.)
- 8 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: And then again, as far
- 9 as you're aware it's just this financial issue that
- 10 they're concerned about at this point?
- MR. DE BIE: That's our understanding, that's
- 12 the only outstanding issue.
- 13 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank
- 14 you. I just wanted to interrupt for a moment to reflect
- 15 Mr. Medina is here.
- Do you have any ex-partes, Mr. Medina?
- 17 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: No, I do not.
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 19 Okay.
- 20 Any other questions, concerns on this one? Mr.
- 21 Eaton.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Just, Mr. de Bie, if for
- 23 some reason their conditional use permit should be
- 24 revoked subsequent to an action by this Board, what would
- 25 be the status of the permit at that time to operate.

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I mean obviously without a conditional use 1 permit they can't operate, but what is the operation of 2 3 law as it relates to our permit? It's just held in abeyance until they do come back into compliance and do 4 5 the CUP, or do we reopen it? MR. DE BIE: On paper they would have a permit 6 7 to operate, but as you indicated, without the CUP they would be prevented from doing that. The, there is no 8 9 strong linkage between the solid waste facility permit and the need for a CUP, they're fairly independent. 10 11 If they, if the CUP was rescinded and the facility was not being operated, even though they had an 12 operating permit, we would encourage the LEA to 13 14 investigate the facility, perhaps through a permit review process, to determine what the future of that site might 15 be. And through that process address the solid waste 16 facility permit, potentially revising it to reflect the 17 18 current situation, or potentially suspending it or 19 revoking it, whatever is necessary. But it would be 20 through a process, it would not be automatic. BOARD MEMBER EATON: Is there any obligation on 21 the part of the LEA to inform us if their conditional use 22 permit was revoked? Or is it something that we can seek 23 24 from the LEA to advise us? I mean because sometimes with 25 as many pieces of business that are going on in your

- 1 area, you're always looking forward and sometimes, you
- 2 know, the inventory or the task can be put there.
- 3 Is there a way we can, separate and apart from
- 4 we can't obviously condition the permit, that's for sure,
- 5 but that we could provide at least some indication to the
- 6 LEA that we would like, that you would like to, on behalf
- 7 of the Board, be kept informed of any action by the local
- 8 jurisdiction as it relates to the CUP so that we can go
- 9 and do what's necessary?
- 10 MR. DE BIE: I think we have a very good
- 11 understanding now with the LEA. So what I think, what I
- 12 would propose doing is putting that request in writing to
- 13 the LEA and, so they'll have it for our records and their
- 14 records so that we have a copy of it.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Okay, great. Thank you.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Any other
- 18 questions? Do we have a motion?
- 19 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I'll move adoption of
- 22 Resolution 2001-183 for consideration of a new solid
- 23 waste facility permit for Environmental Reclaiming
- 24 Solutions of Yolo County.
- I would also, outside of the resolution, ask

- 1 staff to prepare that letter to give to the LEA.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Second.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I'll second.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Go ahead. No, go ahead.
- 5 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Eaton
- 6 seconds. Mr. Jones moves, Mr. Eaton seconds resolution
- 7 2001-183.
- 8 Please call the roll.
- 9 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Eaton?
- 10 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- 12 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 13 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- 14 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- 16 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 17 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Thank
- 19 you.
- 20 Number 19.
- 21 MS. NAUMAN: Item 19 is consideration of a
- 22 revised solid waste facility permit for the Calexico
- 23 Solid Waste Site located in Imperial County.
- 24 Leslie Reed will make the presentation.
- MS. REED-NEWTON: Good morning. My name is

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- 1 Leslie Newton-Reed, I'm with the Permitting and
- 2 Inspection Branch.
- 3 The Calexico solid waste permit has been revised
- 4 and updated from their original permit issued in 1979.
- 5 The proposed permit encompasses changes that are
- 6 already in effect, such as the change in property
- 7 boundary to 72.8 acres, and a defined disposal footprint
- 8 of 38 acres. And a change in permitted hours from 8:00
- 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, less holidays.
- 10 Along with other changes that will provide for future
- 11 development, such as an increase in tonnage from 63 tons
- 12 per day to 150 tons per day.
- On August 1st, 2001, Board staff performed a
- 14 pre-permit inspection of the facility. Staff noted that
- one violation of the Public Resources Code will be
- 16 documented. This violation, PRC 44014(B), compliance
- 17 with terms and conditions of the permit, was specified in
- 18 the LEA's work plan and will be corrected by the issuance
- 19 of this revised solid waste facility permit.
- 20 As indicated on page 19-4 of the agenda item,
- 21 Board staff have determined that all requirements have
- 22 been met. Therefore, staff recommend that the Board
- 23 adopt Solid Waste Facility Permit Decision Number
- 24 2001-284, concurring with the issuance of Solid Waste
- 25 Facility Permit number 13-AA-004.

- 1 The operator and the LEA are here to answer any
- 2 of your questions.
- 3 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 4 much.
- 5 Questions, Board members?
- 6 BOARD MEMBER EATON: I just was wondering if --
- 7 I mean I have a question and I was trying to ask Mr.
- 8 Jones. But my understanding is we're going to double the
- 9 tonnage, correct? This is part of their trying
- 10 consolidation of all of their facilities, I understand.
- 11 But what I see here is a 72 acre parcel of land, of which
- 12 38 acres is going to be used for disposal, correct? I
- 13 mean that's roughly.
- 14 That 38 acres is unlined, and we're going to
- 15 double now the tonnage that goes into the unlined
- 16 facility. And I understand that, the water and stuff
- 17 like that, so at least based upon some of the experiences
- 18 you feel that there's no problem, that there would be,
- 19 either because of lack of water or that sort of thing,
- 20 correct?
- 21 MS. NAUMAN: Well recognizing it is an unlined
- 22 cell, I think what's happening here is you're just
- 23 accelerating the rate at which you build that cell.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Right. Right.
- MS. NAUMAN: It's not a lateral expansion.

1 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Right. Okay. Thank you.

- 2 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Any other
- 3 questions? Mr. Jones, did you have one?
- 4 BOARD MEMBER JONES: No.
- 5 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Medina?
- 6 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Yes, I notice that their
- 7 permit had not been signed.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Staff?
- 9 MR. DE BIE: Good observation, Mr. Medina. I'm
- 10 trying to wrack my brain here on timing of the
- 11 signatures. And I believe the final signature by the LEA
- 12 is placed by the LEA on the document when they issue the
- 13 permit.
- 14 Sometimes I do believe we do get permits with a
- 15 signature on them, but typically it's just the signature
- 16 name, and then the signature is inserted after the Board
- 17 concurs, and then the LEA issues.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Also, on the compliance
- 19 history I notice that from January through June they had
- 20 six T and C violations, and six state minimum standard
- 21 violations. And in the text it says that the LEAs
- 22 perform a monthly inspection to verify that the operator
- 23 had corrected the problem. So can we anticipate that the
- 24 remainder of the year that they will not have a
- 25 reoccurring problem regarding the state minimum violation

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- 1 standards?
- 2 MR. DE BIE: And again, a detailed search of the
- 3 record indicates that from '97 to '99 much of those
- 4 violations dealt with cover and intermediate cover as
- 5 well as drainage controls, and they did address those
- 6 several years ago.
- 7 The more recent state minimum standard
- 8 violations in 2001, reading the descriptions and the
- 9 inspection reports, deal with site security.
- 10 And I found it interesting that there was a
- 11 notation, and perhaps the LEA can give us more detail, on
- 12 the inspection report that indicated that the fence had
- 13 been torn down by the Border Patrol. So that's as much
- 14 as I know by reading the inspection reports, but perhaps
- 15 the LEA can tell us what's going on with the fence at the
- 16 site and the Border Patrol.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: And as we look at state
- 18 minimum standard violations, we look at the, at the
- 19 quantity of violations or is there some violations that
- 20 are more serious than others?
- 21 MR. DE BIE: We take all violations seriously.
- 22 And when we're, when staff is making a finding of whether
- or not the site is in compliance, it's based on the last
- 24 inspection completed by both the LEA and the Board staff.
- 25 So it's a, it's a particular specific date in time that

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- 1 we look at and say, were they in compliance on that date?
- 2 And if so, then we are able to make the finding.
- 3 Certainly if there's a history of ongoing
- 4 violations, you know, we're, during that inspection we're
- 5 assessing, you know, whether there's potential for that
- 6 to reoccur. Again, whether they've taken the steps to
- 7 avoid going into a violation situation.
- 8 But the way we come to a conclusion of whether
- 9 or not they're in compliance is looking at that specific
- 10 date and time of when that last inspection was done.
- 11 And the LEA is present if you wanted more detail
- 12 about that site security issue that's ongoing.
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: And for example, again, in
- 14 1999 they had twelve state minimum standard violations.
- 15 When you have that large number of violations, do they
- 16 come under greater scrutiny? Does the LEA work closer
- 17 with that operator?
- MR. DE BIE: I'm going to now pass it on to, to
- 19 the LEA and let you, let him explain his strategy in
- 20 working with the operator on these violations.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes, we invite
- 22 you to speak.
- 23 MR. LAMAR: Jeff LaMar with the Imperial County
- 24 LEA.
- 25 Yes, we worked very closely with the operator

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- 1 to, over a period of time to bring them to compliance.
- 2 This last series of violations, and that was
- 3 strictly with site security, that was an issue with the
- 4 Border Patrol, and as you're aware, the Calexico landfill
- 5 resides right here near the border --
- 6 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Excuse me, is your
- 7 microphone on?
- 8 MR. LAMAR: It appears to be, yes.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: The little green light?
- 10 MR. LAMAR: Yes, it is.
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay.
- 12 MR. LAMAR: Are you having problems hearing me?
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: A little bit, but go
- 14 ahead.
- 15 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I think we need
- 16 maybe an extension for taller people.
- MR. LAMAR: Possibly so. Okay, how about now?
- 18 Okay.
- 19 With this ongoing violation, which has been
- 20 corrected, there has been, the operator has met with us
- 21 and met with the Border Patrol, and they've come to an
- 22 agreement, and this should not be an issue any longer.
- 23 The operator is here to address any questions
- 24 you have pertaining to their agreement, but this is
- 25 something that we monitor and will continue to monitor,

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- 1 as well as all activity relating to state minimum
- 2 standards and so forth.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: So the twelve state
- 4 minimum standard violations and the six state minimum
- 5 standard violations up to June of this year, they were
- 6 all related to site security?
- 7 MR. LAMAR: No, that's not correct. The, there
- 8 were some, as Board staff indicated, there were some
- 9 drainage violations, erosion violations that were
- 10 addressed, and those were a long period of time that we,
- 11 through a work schedule that we worked on to allow them
- 12 to correct those violations, to get them to have the
- 13 proper drainage plan in place to address that.
- 14 And then as well as there was a long-term
- 15 violation for the site security, and that was,
- 16 essentially what had to occur there was that there had to
- 17 be an agreement, there had to be some meetings with the
- 18 border patrol.
- 19 And once that was resolved we do not anticipate
- 20 any further issues with them.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: I see a lot of compliance
- 22 histories that are nowhere near as serious as these. So
- 23 when you have, over a period of a couple of years,
- 24 approximately 19 state minimum standard violations, do
- 25 you take greater concern over the situation or how do you

- 1 approach it?
- 2 MR. LAMAR: I think that we -- again, as an LEA
- 3 I think it's very important that you have to address
- 4 these state minimum standard violations. We have, if you
- 5 look at the history, you look at the work plans we've put
- 6 together, and working closely with the operator to
- 7 correct these violations and to ensure that they don't
- 8 reoccur. That's the day-to-day operation.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Okay.
- 10 MR. DE BIE: In addition, Mr. Medina, whenever
- 11 there are two violations for the same standard in a row
- 12 we begin the process at the state level to include the
- 13 facility on the inventory list for sites that are in
- 14 violation of state minimum standards. And with that is a
- 15 timeframe to come into compliance. And if they are not
- 16 able to, then they're listed. And that kicks in a
- 17 requirement that the LEA shall put that facility on a
- 18 compliance schedule to get them in, into compliance.
- 19 So there is a, an increased level of scrutiny
- 20 with those ongoing violations.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Any other
- 22 questions?
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Madam Chair.
- 24 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: A couple. The drainage

- 1 issues and so forth, I presume the Water Board has been
- 2 involved?
- 3 MR. LAMAR: That is correct. They have been
- 4 involved in that. That was one of the issues in working
- 5 on the compliance schedule four that, and that was in
- 6 concurrence with the Water Board to correct that, to
- 7 formulate a plan that they would be comfortable with as
- 8 well as the LEA.
- 9 So that yes, we worked closely with them on
- 10 that.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. Thanks.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 13 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I'd like to move adoption
- of Resolution 2001-284, consideration of a revised solid
- 16 waste facility permit for the Calexico Solid Waste Site
- 17 in Imperial County.
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: We have a
- 19 motion.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Second.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: We have a motion
- 22 by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve Resolution
- 23 2001-284.
- 24 Please call the roll.
- 25 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Eaton?

- 1 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 2 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- 3 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 4 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- 7 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 9 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Motion
- 10 approved.
- 11 Item 20 was pulled.
- MS. NAUMAN: Item 21 is consideration of a
- 13 Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit for Sonoma Transfer
- 14 Station located in Sonoma County.
- 15 Erica Webber of P and I staff will be making the
- 16 presentation.
- 17 MS. WEBER: Good morning, Madam Chair and
- 18 members of the Board. I'm Erica Webber of the Board's
- 19 Permitting and Inspection Branch.
- 20 The Sonoma Transfer Station is a large volume
- 21 transfer station owned by the Sonoma County Department of
- 22 Transportation and Public Works, and is contract operated
- 23 by the West Sonoma County Disposal.
- The proposed revised permit allow for the
- 25 following changes:

- 1 Construction of site improvements.
- 2 Separation of wood and yard waste from other
- 3 refuse on the tipping floor.
- 4 Initiate the traffic limit of 426 total vehicles
- 5 entering the site per day.
- 6 Increase in the daily maximum tonnage from 380
- 7 to 760 tons per day.
- 8 The local enforcement agency has certified that
- 9 the package is complete and correct and is in compliance
- 10 with the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 11 Board staff conducted a pre-permit joint
- 12 inspection with the local enforcement agency on April
- 13 6th, 2001. During that inspection a records check
- 14 revealed that the facility had exceeded their permitted
- 15 tonnage. The operation was in compliance with state
- 16 minimum standards. Concurrence in the issuance of this
- 17 permit will rectify the tonnage issue.
- 18 All required findings have been made.
- 19 Therefore, Board staff recommends that the Board concur
- 20 in the issuance of the permit as submitted by the LEA and
- 21 adopt resolution number 2001-286.
- That completes staff's presentation.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 24 Weber.
- 25 Any questions on item number 21? Do we have --

- 1 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: -- a motion?
- 3 Mr. Jones.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I'll move adoption of
- 5 Resolution 2001-286, Consideration of a Revised Solid
- 6 Waste Facility Permit for the Sonoma Transfer Station in
- 7 Sonoma County.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I'll second
- 9 that.
- 10 Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by
- 11 Moulton-Patterson to approve Resolution 2001-286.
- 12 Please call the roll.
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Eaton?
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 17 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 19 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- 20 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 21 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 22 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Motion
- 23 approved. Thank you, Ms. Weber.
- 24 Item 22 was deleted so that brings us to item
- 25 23.

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- 1 MS. NAUMAN: Item 23 is consideration of
- 2 approval to formally notice proposed regulations for
- 3 compostable materials handling operations and facilities.
- 4 The Board will recall that this package has a
- 5 long history and has been before you several times
- 6 before.
- 7 Just so we have a little bit of introduction to
- 8 remind you that the purpose of these regs was to develop
- 9 and implement regulations that protect public health,
- 10 safety, and the environment, while at the same time
- 11 increase business opportunities through the diversion and
- 12 beneficial use of compostable organic materials.
- 13 Accordingly, this was a joint effort between the
- 14 P and E Division and the Waste Prevention and Market
- 15 Development Division. We were coming out of one of these
- 16 priority teams from our last strategic plan.
- 17 The last time you saw this item was in April.
- 18 And at that time we reviewed with you, and it's up on the
- 19 screen now, a little bit of the history of the
- 20 development of the composting regs and the various
- 21 iterations that they've gone through over the years;
- 22 starting back in 1995 when we dealt with inadvertent
- 23 composting, chipping, and grinding all being kind of
- 24 outside the purview of our composting regulations.
- Then in 1997 kind of bringing chipping and

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- 1 grinding in, but not bringing it in completely under the
- 2 purview of, of our regs in the sense of requiring a
- 3 permit.
- 4 So when it came to the current effort to update
- 5 the composting regulations, we really were focusing on
- 6 three key objectives, and that was to actually slot chip
- 7 and grinding. And what we mean by slotting is bringing
- 8 them into the permitting process and putting those
- 9 operations into one of our tiers, if you will, for what
- 10 type of permit they would require.
- 11 We're also looking for opportunities to simplify
- 12 the tiering for these kinds of operations, not
- 13 necessarily utilizing all of the four tier levels that we
- 14 normally utilize when we're looking at waste facilities.
- 15 And as I mentioned earlier, trying to balance market
- 16 development objectives with the need to increase
- 17 diversion, at the same time recognizing the need to
- 18 protect public health, safety, and the environment.
- 19 When we reviewed the package with you in April,
- 20 there were several comments made by interested parties
- 21 which led to your direction that we continue to engage in
- 22 dialogue and have a series of meetings with the
- 23 interested parties.
- 24 And we have done that. And we have done that
- 25 extensively. Over the course of the last couple of

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- 1 months we've conducted eight meetings. A quick
- 2 calculation and I can tell you it's utilized about four
- 3 hundred staff hours to ensure that we were giving ample
- 4 opportunity to all stakeholders to come and meet with us
- 5 directly and during informal, roll up your sleeve,
- 6 workshop type sessions, where we felt that we really
- 7 examined all of the issues and all of the options, which
- 8 is really the purpose of the informal process.
- 9 And staff believes that we have completed the
- 10 informal process with this last series of informal
- 11 meetings with the interested parties, and are now ready
- 12 to ask for your approval to move into the formal process
- 13 where we can engage a wider group of interested and
- 14 potentially affected parties through that part of the
- 15 rulemaking process.
- Before I turn it over to Jeff to talk about some
- 17 of the issues that we have addressed and explain to you
- 18 how we've addressed those in the package, I just also
- 19 wanted to indicate that we do have a memo back from the
- 20 Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment,
- 21 which again I'll ask Jeff to give the details of when he
- 22 comes up.
- 23 But previously when we were talking about this
- 24 package in April, and Mr. Paparian had specifically asked
- 25 us to consult with them about some of the issues as it

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- 1 relates to metals. And we indicated at the briefing that
- 2 we were awaiting their formal response to document the
- 3 discussions that we've been having with them. And I
- 4 believe you all have received a copy of that memo, and
- 5 for the record we'll indicate what they're telling us.
- 6 So with that, I'll turn it over to Jeff Watson
- 7 of our staff to go through some of the key elements of
- 8 the package and the issues that we've most recently been
- 9 addressing with the stakeholders.
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Nauman, just
- 11 before you turn it over, you say four hundred hours of
- 12 staff time has been spent on this approximately.
- MS. NAUMAN: Approximately.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: And eight
- workshops?
- MS. NAUMAN: Eight working sessions.
- 17 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: And how long
- 18 have we been working on this process approximately?
- 19 MS. NAUMAN: This package dates back about, at
- 20 least four years.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Four years.
- MS. NAUMAN: Now we've been, you know, a
- 23 concerted effort, well I, you know the staff has been
- 24 working on it longer than I've been with the Board to
- 25 give you the details of it, but this package was, you

- 1 know, moving along at the time I joined the Board over
- 2 three years ago, and we have had innumerable meetings
- 3 throughout the state, you know. And what I'm just
- 4 talking about now is just the most recent effort since
- 5 April.
- 6 But I know that the staff held I think nine
- 7 workshops around the state, actually what, a year ago,
- 8 eighteen months ago? Yeah.
- 9 So it has been a very intensive effort on our
- 10 part. Probably, except maybe for the 1220 regs, probably
- 11 the longest informal process we've gone through on the
- 12 rate packaging. That's why we feel that we've, you know,
- 13 we're ready to move on.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank
- 15 you, Ms. Nauman.
- BOARD MEMBER 1: Madam Chair, may I ask a
- 17 question before they move on?
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Four hundred hours, I think
- 20 the transfer station regs probably took us longer than
- 21 that.
- 22 But that's the first time I've ever seen one of
- 23 these packages proposed with hours on it.
- 24 Have we, with the South Coast Air District now
- 25 starting PR 1133, how has P and E staff been working with

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- 1 them and this reg package? I mean clearly AQMD and South
- 2 Coast may come up with a package that absolutely stops
- 3 composting in Southern California.
- 4 MS. NAUMAN: I'm aware of that, Mr. Jones. The
- 5 most recent dialogue we've had has actually been through
- 6 a series of e-mails over the last couple of days.
- 7 You may recall that this issue was raised, I
- 8 would say maybe six or eight months ago, our staff first
- 9 became aware of South Coast's interest in proposing some,
- 10 a rulemaking with respect to emissions, and the impact
- 11 that it might have on composting.
- 12 Our staff attended a working session at that
- 13 time. I think, I recall the Chair's office also being
- 14 involved in dialogue with them and encouraging them, and
- 15 I thought we had reached agreement that they would be
- 16 willing to work with us as they were examining these
- 17 issues.
- I must admit that it came as a bit of a surprise
- 19 to me, because I've been a little bit out of the loop,
- 20 when we got an e-mail that said we now have some language
- 21 that we would like to talk with you about.
- Our staff is part of a working group with South
- 23 Coast, and we've been in contact with them in the last
- 24 couple of days indicating that we, you know, very
- 25 strongly urge them to work with us and to not move too

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- 1 quickly on this rulemaking.
- 2 Jeff and others have had more direct contact
- 3 with them and can give you more details.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER JONES: What they're proposing is
- 5 to just only allow in vessel composting. So if that's
- 6 all they're going to propose or allow, there isn't going
- 7 to be any composting in Southern California basically.
- 8 MS. NAUMAN: And we're very concerned about
- 9 that.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER JONES: And we have regulations
- 11 here that we're trying to put together to set a standard,
- 12 and whether it's four hundred hours or four thousand
- 13 hours, it's a moot point if the air districts take away
- 14 the oversight of composting facilities from the Waste
- 15 Board. And that's, in effect, part of what this is,
- 16 could end up being.
- So it would seem to me that you've got a couple
- 18 of meetings that are scheduled with South Coast Air
- 19 District.
- MS. NAUMAN: That's correct.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER JONES: If, I mean, I don't know,
- 22 people, I mean this is a huge issue. If they will not
- 23 allow composting except in vessel, then that material is
- 24 going to end up being ADC, or it's going to end up as
- 25 disposal as well as the manures and all the other

- 1 materials that those people were trying to compost.
- 2 So does it make sense to get a handle on where
- 3 this huge amount of material is and figure out how we're
- 4 going to deal with another agency that may put
- 5 restrictions on everything that we're doing here?
- I mean this is critical. If there are no
- 7 outlets for this material in Southern California, we're
- 8 going to have to rethink an awful lot of what we're doing
- 9 with diversion programs and things like that because they
- 10 may not have an option because of the air district.
- 11 There may be no option other than disposal.
- 12 So four hundred hours set aside, this is a huge
- 13 issue.
- MS. NAUMAN: And we're prepared to continue to
- 15 work on it. I'm going to ask if you would indulge us to
- 16 let Jeff comment on the discussions that he's had with
- 17 them and the relationship of this package to their
- 18 rulemaking.
- MR. WATSON: Yeah, we have several things going
- 20 on. One thing is, the four hundred hours is just the
- 21 informal discussions, just the meetings, it's not the
- 22 review of the regs, it's just the meeting time for the
- 23 staff. So there's been a lot of time other than that, so
- 24 that was that one issue.
- 25 The other issue is we did meet with the South

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- 1 Coast AQMD when they had the first informal session, it
- 2 was a public session. And we were fairly compelling in
- 3 our public testimony that you need to be very careful
- 4 about certain types of requirements that you would make.
- 5 At that time they were talking about carbon and
- 6 nitrogen ratios and acceptable ranges, and what we would
- 7 consider some highly onerous and restrictive language.
- 8 They promised us at that point in time, both
- 9 publicly and in private, that we would be consulted and
- 10 be part of a working group before any language, public
- 11 language was necessarily developed.
- 12 So we were caught a little off guard that there
- 13 was a working group meeting two weeks before a public
- 14 meeting, or even if that, that's going out with actual
- 15 language.
- 16 I've been in contact with Julia Lester who has
- 17 been pushing most of this through South Coast AQMD, and I
- 18 was not aware that they were going quite this far this
- 19 fast. So it is a problem. There is a communication
- 20 problem.
- 21 For the last year and a half we've been trying
- 22 to develop joint agency task forces around composting,
- 23 with a request from Cal EPA for California EPA with
- 24 appropriate individuals from the different Board
- 25 departments and offices.

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1 So we're, we've been on this for a while. It

- 2 has grown very quickly, and we're very concerned that we
- 3 need to respond in a strong manner.
- 4 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I would be --
- 5 excuse me.
- 6 Ms. Nauman, I would be very happy to meet with
- 7 the head of the AQMD on this issue and let them know our
- 8 strong concerns, so if we could set that up, along with
- 9 staff.
- 10 MS. NAUMAN: We would appreciate that.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 13 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Jones.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER JONES: And the South Coast as well
- 15 as our Air Board?
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Because right now the
- 18 proposed regs are --
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Actually I meant
- 20 South Coast, but we can do AQMD also.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I think we should do both,
- 22 and the secretary. Because right now the summary of the
- 23 proposed rules, by January 1st, 2003, dependent on the
- 24 type and size of the operation, active composting in all
- 25 facilities must occur in closed, aerated, static, or in

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- 1 vessel piles, with contaminated air vented to emission
- 2 control systems.
- I mean that is huge, that's monumental.
- 4 MR. WATSON: Yeah. The South Coast AQMD has
- 5 been under an incredible amount of pressure from U.S. EPA
- 6 because of their non-attainment status.
- 7 This is a proposal that they can give to the
- 8 U.S. EPA to, so to speak, get them off their back a
- 9 little. Whether they'll actually be able to implement
- 10 this or not I think is questionable for several reasons.
- But the fact that it's been put out there
- 12 publicly does affect AQMDs, APCDs in the way that they
- 13 might respond to certain type of technical issues. So it
- 14 is more than huge, it may very well change composting in
- 15 the State of California for the rest of my life. So I
- 16 have a lot of, I think there's a lot of concern about
- 17 this.
- 18 Should it be a reason for us not going forward
- 19 with this package, or should we divert efforts from this
- 20 package? Actually I don't believe so. I believe this
- 21 package is actually consistent with the type of work and
- 22 the type of relationship that we have with AQMDs across
- 23 the state.
- 24 And it also is consistent with the requirements
- 25 of SB 675, and would also dove into some of the needs of

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- 1 SB 88. So I believe this package is very important, and
- 2 as a matter of fact in lieu of this I think we should go
- 3 forward with this package in much more earnest; and also
- 4 make sure that the AQMDs and APCDs understand we are
- 5 serious about providing guidance and direction on how to
- 6 resolve these issues.
- 7 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. Had
- 8 you had a chance to finish your regular report?
- 9 MR. WATSON: Actually I didn't even start it.
- 10 But if you guys are all in agreement that we should go
- 11 forward --
- 12 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Well no, I want to hear
- 13 about it.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Excuse me, Mr.
- 15 Jones. Yes, if you would go ahead with your report we'd
- 16 appreciate it.
- 17 MR. WATSON: Okay. The purpose of this, the
- 18 language that is now in the proposed package is
- 19 three-fold:
- To define the requirements of non-composting
- 21 operations and facilities that handle compostable
- 22 materials, also known as chipping and grinding
- 23 operations, so define those permitting requirements.
- 24 To simplify the process needed to know what tier
- you would be in regardless of what type of material

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- 1 you're using.
- 2 And also to begin to define terms like minimize
- 3 that are in the current regulations that provide
- 4 ambiguity.
- 5 So those are basically what the, the things we
- 6 were supposed to do. This is a chipping and grinding
- 7 facility. They're not quite sure where they belong.
- 8 They do have temperatures in the pile that give us
- 9 authority, over 122 degrees, but they can move their
- 10 materials out in less than 48 hours. In fact, for their
- 11 business plan they do it in 24 hours.
- 12 Chipping and grinding. What we've done here is
- we've basically done another rulemaking. We put chipping
- 14 and grinding that is really chipping and grinding into a
- 15 separate set of tiers outside of composting normal,
- 16 normal composting tiers. And so we have adjusted the
- 17 allowable time down to 48 hours, and they can get an
- 18 extension of LEA approval, I guess extension is good
- 19 enough.
- 20 There's exclusions for certain type of
- 21 operations that provide minimal risk, and also those
- 22 operations that are ag related.
- 23 We had a fairly complicated tiering system
- 24 prior, and so simplification is in order. Just a green,
- 25 the, where it says ag material, the half and the half,

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- 1 has been impossible for people to interpret or
- 2 implement. Just three little cubes over there let alone
- 3 all the other ones that we have.
- 4 So what we've done is we've simplified it down.
- 5 We now have enforcement agency notification for the
- 6 lowest risk areas. Even that has been upgraded to
- 7 include a document called an OIMP, which we'll discuss a
- 8 little later, odor impact minimization plan.
- 9 So for all facilities, now it would be the new
- 10 enforcement agency notification has more requirements
- 11 than the previous registration tier, so it's basically a
- 12 hybrid of the registration tier.
- The thing you get by having that is you don't
- 14 have monthly inspections with this, and we have come up
- 15 with a variable inspection that's more site specific.
- The second thing is there's a compostable
- 17 materials permit. People didn't like having the name
- 18 Solid waste facilities permit associated with it, so we
- 19 have said that people that are composters have to have a
- 20 compostable materials permit. That now includes all
- 21 types of food waste. The only thing excluded out of that
- 22 are ag materials and certain green materials of small
- 23 enough volume and clean enough for cut material.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER EATON: How small?
- 25 MR. WATSON: For ag it can be, it's very large.

- 1 But for regular compost it's 12,500 cubic yards on site
- 2 of all types of material. That has to be understood,
- 3 that's prior, amendments, storage, all sorts of things.
- 4 That's all types of material. So it's actually below the
- 5 10,000 cubic yards for the most case that was the
- 6 registration tier now. So it's actually more stringent.
- 7 All the numbers that we've come up with are even
- 8 more stringent than the previous numbers. And the
- 9 requirements to be in the LEA notification are more
- 10 stringent. This is a facility that had a little problem
- 11 trying to figure out where it was, it was thought to be
- 12 chipping and grinding. We're thinking this was headed
- 13 more towards MSW like, which would be --
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Okay. This 12,500 cubic
- 16 yards, that goes into a notification tier?
- 17 MR. WATSON: If it's green material of less than
- 18 a half a percent of contamination, physical
- 19 contamination, then you could get 12,500 cubic yards of
- 20 total material on the facility; and notify the LEA of
- 21 your existence; provide them with an OIMP, odor impact
- 22 minimization plan; and then you could begin operations at
- 23 that point.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER JONES: And what's the LEA
- 25 oversight?

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- 1 MR. WATSON: The LEA oversight? It depends on
- 2 what they're doing, if they're ag or non-ag.
- But if they're non-ag there is an inspection
- 4 frequency that can be adjusted by the LEA, but there's,
- 5 it's, it can be monthly, it could be annual, it could be
- 6 anything.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER JONES: What about the ag?
- 8 MR. WATSON: The ag, what aspects of the ag?
- 9 Because there's several types.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Tell me what the components
- 11 are of the aq.
- 12 MR. WATSON: If they're taking green material
- in, for instance the ag, and this would be our most
- 14 concern, if they're taking urban derived green material
- in, they're behaving very similarly to a commercial
- 16 material, so they have a limit also of 12,500.
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: How about manure?
- 18 MR. WATSON: Manure would not have a limit for
- 19 ag material operations?
- 20 BOARD MEMBER JONES: They could?
- 21 MR. WATSON: An ag material could be an EA
- 22 notification and be composting manure at a very large
- 23 amount. And they would, conceivably the least
- 24 notification they could get as an EA would be annual
- 25 inspection prior to the annual application, because most

- 1 ag operations have a buildup to a certain point and then
- 2 they do allocation.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER JONES: And they're under
- 4 notification too?
- 5 MR. WATSON: They could be under notification.
- 6 There is only one section of ag that wouldn't be, and
- 7 that's ag that takes all their own stuff, composts it on
- 8 site, and uses it on site. That's excluded currently
- 9 still.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER JONES: So we could have 12,500
- 11 cubic yards of manure in downtown somewhere, and it would
- 12 not be regulated by the LEA?
- MR. WATSON: Yes, it would be regulated. That
- 14 facility would need to provide the LEA with notification
- 15 that they're doing it, they would have a certain
- 16 inspection frequency that the LEA would set, and they
- 17 would have to provide an odor impact notification plan to
- 18 have that facility there.
- 19 And I venture to say that that odor minimization
- 20 plan would be fairly extensive if it were down in L.A.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER JONES: And the requirements on the
- 22 LEA to inspect would be?
- MR. WATSON: I'm, I don't remember exactly, but
- 24 it's less than a month. It could be less than monthly,
- 25 but he could require --

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1 BOARD MEMBER JONES: What is the least that
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- 2 you're requiring him to do?
- 3 MR. WATSON: I believe, I believe it would be
- 4 annually would be the least in the EA notification.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Once a year.
- 6 MR. WATSON: Would be the least required. But
- 7 that's again up to the LEA. I doubt, as a matter of fact
- 8 I know for a fact that the LEA in L.A. County would be
- 9 doing more than monthly inspections, and they have the
- 10 budget to do that.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER JONES: If the AQMD rule holds,
- does that mean all of that manure then goes in vessel?
- MR. WATSON: Yes, in vessel or enclosed.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Or in a dump or in a
- 15 landfill.
- MR. WATSON: Or on the side of the road.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Okay.
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Any other
- 19 questions before we go to our public comments?
- 20 MR. WATSON: Actually I have a couple more --
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Oh, you're not
- 22 finished, I'm sorry.
- MR. WATSON: A few more slides and we'll get
- 24 through this.
- 25 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Sorry about

- 1 that, Mr. Watson.
- 2 MR. WATSON: We wanted to provide in this 12,500
- 3 cubic yards an opportunity for start-up green facilities
- 4 that would have the least amount of oversight, provide
- 5 them an opportunity to operate.
- 6 What we have found is very few operations behave
- 7 the same way year after year. So an operation definitely
- 8 needs a shakedown period, and if we keep 'em small enough
- 9 we can have people starting up and figuring out how they
- 10 need to do what they need to do and not becoming
- 11 unmanageable.
- 12 This is a facility of food waste. Food waste
- 13 has been a big topic in this particular, this is Northern
- 14 L.A. food waste, it heads out of county for further
- 15 processing.
- The food material has a higher, in this package
- 17 can have a lot higher contamination level than the
- 18 green. All food material needs to be put in a
- 19 compostable permitted facility. So that means that it
- 20 would go follow the same full solid waste facility type
- 21 process that you would use, all food material. There are
- 22 people who object to this.
- 23 We wanted to also increase some ag
- 24 opportunities. This is material from Sacramento County
- 25 going to a Stanislaus facility, seventy something miles

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- 1 away is where some of Sacramento city's green waste goes
- 2 for processing. The majority of this material is used by
- 3 aq.
- 4 We wanted to encourage this type of stuff. We
- 5 didn't want to necessarily want to encourage it going
- 6 seventy something miles because there's plenty of ag land
- 7 between here and there, but we wanted to give an
- 8 opportunity for some higher volumes.
- 9 There is a danger that we're looking at and we
- 10 will be continuing to look at in the formal rulemaking
- 11 about how much material could go on a facility without us
- 12 knowing about it. Many people don't even believe that
- 13 they need to give us a notification even though they
- 14 would be in our EA notification. So an implementation
- 15 issue comes out of this.
- 16 These are odor control facilities at the
- 17 Griffith Park. This would be one of the non-permitted
- 18 types of, if the AQMD rule, South Coast AQMD goes
- 19 through. This is where they do, they suck the air
- 20 through and put it through a biofilter, but it's not
- 21 enclosed. It would require an enclosure over the top of
- 22 this. Okay.
- Odor, there is, it seems like the most important
- 24 issue for sustained operations in the State of California
- 25 is odor, and that's what, where AQMD is not necessarily

- 1 coming from odor, they're coming from attainment
- 2 criteria.
- For us, a site won't live if they have odor
- 4 problems. So we have now made a requirement that every
- 5 facility or operation in the State of California that is
- 6 not excluded provide us with an odor impact minimization
- 7 plan.
- 8 This is a facility that doesn't have an odor
- 9 impact minimization plan.
- The minimum standards we've improved. We did
- 11 not have a training minimum standard prior. We've made
- 12 the training minimum standard pretty much analogous and
- 13 parallel to the landfill.
- 14 Currently in this revision there is a twenty
- 15 hour which we are anticipating, a twenty hour requirement
- 16 which we are anticipating won't survive the 45 day
- 17 comment period. There are some other standards that we
- 18 changed. We provided a little additional clarification
- 19 on what's contamination, injury reporting, and other
- 20 things.
- 21 This is what we think we got from OEHHA's
- 22 written response, additional evaluation is necessary for
- 23 the 503s to be used for composting, and there are still
- 24 significant issues that exist, but they'd like to see
- 25 what happens with the National Academy of Science's

- 1 review of the current 503s before they do anything.
- We would, staff would like to recommend that you
- 3 let us proceed for 45 day notice, understanding that that
- 4 would probably be 60 days before we'd even begin that 45
- 5 day notice, and we will be talking to the South Coast
- 6 AQMD, the paper industry, and several other industries in
- 7 the meantime to try to resolve any issues that they would
- 8 have that would preclude us from going into the 45 day.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 11 Okay. Any other questions before we go to public
- 12 comments?
- 13 Mr. Paparian.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Thank you. I'd just
- 15 like to follow up on the OEHHA, that thing, because
- 16 that's the issue I brought up.
- 17 As I understand from reading their letter, there
- 18 are some efforts going on right now to take a look at
- 19 these types of standards to see whether, whether some
- 20 changes might be appropriate. I believe they refer to
- 21 the National Academy of Science's doing some additional
- 22 work on this.
- 23 At the same time they also pointed out that the
- 24 basis for this is in terms of what type of risk is
- 25 allowable, is different than OEHHA or Cal EPA agencies

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- 1 typically use, although they didn't take the next step to
- 2 see if that means that any of these would be changed or
- 3 not. And it had to do with the one in 10,000 risk versus
- 4 a one in a million risk, and I don't think we need to go
- 5 into the details of that here.
- 6 The thing that I think we don't know is whether
- 7 these type of contaminants are showing up in a big way in
- 8 compost in California. You know, I know that it's, from
- 9 information I've seen it's showing up in sewage sludge
- 10 because of industrial discharges to the sewage systems,
- 11 but we don't know if lead and mercury and selenium and so
- 12 forth, unless you have any other information --
- MR. WATSON: Actually we did get some
- 14 information that we requested on both pathogen hits and
- 15 metals hits for facilities that have to do that type of
- 16 testing, and so far it's remarkably low, and both in
- 17 sewage sludge also, sewage sludge and composting
- 18 facilities.
- 19 So the metals concerns at this level, at the
- level of the 503, we have no detect at lots of
- 21 facilities, no detect period. So whatever metal we were
- 22 supposed to, we'd be safe.
- 23 The problem is we do have, you know, facilities
- 24 that will hit it, you know, now and then, due to all
- 25 sorts of things. Mostly what we found is it's been lab

- 1 results problems. They've sent in a new test and it's
- 2 come back. So we'd like to look into that. This is not
- 3 a big problem in the state, it has long-range
- 4 environmental consequences with the type of sewage
- 5 sludge, co-composting that is inevitable because of the
- 6 type of population pressure we have in the state.
- 7 So it's timely in that manner, but there are
- 8 only a few states -- or excuse me -- a few jurisdictions
- 9 in the state where metals would be a problem. Next to
- 10 some of the old refineries, green waste does have higher
- 11 lead content because organic tetramethyl lead was used
- 12 for so many years it's organically gone through update,
- 13 so you do have that.
- Other than that, a couple of chrome areas. We
- don't have a lot of problems with metals in the State of
- 16 California.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I mean I'm satisfied
- 18 with moving forward with the table that's in there with a
- 19 couple of suggestions.
- One would be that when we get the information
- 21 back that, you know, it sounds like it might even be a
- 22 couple of years before we get some of this information
- 23 back that's referred to in the OEHHA letter, we take a
- look and see if we need to update what we have.
- 25 And then at the same time I think maybe over the

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- 1 next couple of years maybe we should do some samples of
- 2 some of the material that's out there just to confirm
- 3 that the levels are exceptionally low, you know.
- 4 MR. WATSON: That sounds very prudent.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yeah. And again, I
- 6 don't think that that holds us up at all, I think it's a
- 7 matter of when we get some new information we get things
- 8 and again confirm what's out there in the real world.
- 9 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 10 Paparian.
- 11 Mr. Chuck White, Waste Management.
- 12 MR. WHITE: Thank you very much, Madam Chairman.
- 13 Chuck White representing Waste Management.
- I think, first of all, I would like to give a
- 15 tremendous word of appreciation to the amount of work
- 16 that has gone into this thing. There has been, I think
- 17 that four hundred hours even seemed like a low number
- 18 from the standpoint of the amount of time that's been
- 19 spent.
- 20 But I would also say that while we're much
- 21 closer, the package is better than it has been in the
- 22 past, I would urge that it's still not quite ready for
- 23 primetime in terms of a formal 45 day public notice.
- 24 And I would ask that the Board consider granting
- 25 us at least 30 more days to work informally with staff to

- 1 work out a few remaining bugs with the rulemaking
- 2 package.
- I just heard, I thought I heard Jeff say it
- 4 even, it can't even go out for 45 days for about 60 days
- 5 anyways, so there's no reason this Board can't hold off
- 6 on making a decision to go out for public notice until
- 7 the next Board meeting which is less than thirty days
- 8 away. And the staff can still proceed with doing the
- 9 administrative work to prepare the package for 45 day
- 10 notice, there's nothing wrong with that, they just
- 11 wouldn't get your final blessing until we've had at least
- 12 one more chance to submit written comments, and one more
- 13 chance to meet with the staff to respond to the few
- 14 remaining areas of concern.
- 15 And those are, I have about five areas that I
- 16 would like to see an opportunity to work informally with
- 17 staff.
- 18 Number one is this public rule 1133. We just
- 19 got it for the first time this week. It was public
- 20 noticed by AQMD last Friday. There is a workshop next
- 21 week, I believe on the 22nd, kind of a working group
- 22 meeting, and then there's a full public workshop, I think
- 23 it's on the 5th of September. Both those dates are prior
- 24 to the next, your next Board meeting.
- 25 This would give you a tremendous amount of time

- 1 to work with AQMD staff, to sense what you need to do to
- 2 this package to hopefully maybe alleviate some of their
- 3 concerns or see if there is real problems between this
- 4 rulemaking package and the AQMD package.
- 5 So I would again, for reason number one, I would
- 6 urge you to use this opportunity to, before you go out to
- 7 authorize formal 45 day notice, to work with us, the
- 8 industry, and with the AQMD to clarify how PR 1133 would
- 9 interact with your proposed rule.
- 10 Number two is the whole paper and manure issue
- 11 that hasn't been resolved yet with respect to how much of
- 12 that can be contained in both compostable green materials
- 13 and in chipping and grinding materials. I think we're
- 14 going to be able to come up with a number providing some
- 15 reasonable limitations on these materials, but we still
- 16 don't have that yet.
- 17 Right now it looks like you can process up to
- 18 12,500 cubic yards of manure and green material under the
- 19 green waste chipping and grinding exemptions. So we
- 20 certainly urge that before the public notice go out, that
- 21 this issue be, if not finally resolved, a little more
- 22 closely resolved than it is at today's date.
- 23 And then the third issue is there's a definition
- 24 of disposal in the regulations, a brand new. Apparently
- 25 the attorney that wrote this was on vacation last week,

- 1 is now back, we have an opportunity to sit down and meet
- 2 with him and try to understand what they're trying to get
- 3 at. We think there's some real problems potentially with
- 4 that language that could restrict perfectly legitimate
- 5 land farming issues that involve the incorporation of
- 6 green material into soils.
- 7 And we would like to explore what the intent of
- 8 this language is and see if we can work out perhaps some
- 9 alternative language. But we haven't had a chance to
- 10 have that discussion yet.
- 11 Number four is the issue with respect to the
- 12 length of time chipping and grinding materials could be
- 13 left unhandled, whether it's 48 hours or seven days or
- 14 longer; and what are the conditions; which shorter or
- 15 longer amounts of time would be used to hold this
- 16 chipping and grinding material.
- We do have some problems with the current
- 18 language that's proposed, but we think we can offer an
- 19 acceptable alternative. But again, we'd like to have the
- 20 opportunity to address that.
- 21 And then finally, the rulemaking package has a
- 22 number of, to us, unclear language. There's a few mis-
- 23 citations and apparently improper citations. And there's
- 24 details related to whether chipping and grinding
- 25 operations need to have an odor management plan if their,

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- 1 if the material has been processed to the point where it
- 2 is no longer compostable. And what does no longer
- 3 compostable mean?
- 4 These are detailed issues, they're not huge
- 5 issues, but we'd like to again have the opportunity over
- 6 the next thirty days prior to the September Board meeting
- 7 to have a chance to meet with staff and work out some of
- 8 these before you authorize a 45 day public notice.
- 9 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 10 White.
- 11 MR. WHITE: Thank you very much.
- 12 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 13 White.
- 14 Next we have Matt Cotton.
- MR. COTTON: Morning, Madam Chair, members of
- 16 the Board, Matt Cotton representing the California
- 17 Organic Recycling Council.
- 18 If I could, I would like to take one quick
- 19 second to editorialize as Matt Cotton, not representing
- 20 CORC or anyone else but myself. I never felt the
- 21 composting organics recycling industry under more threat
- 22 than it is today. This 1133, which Jeff and I attended
- 23 the work group over a year ago, I believe it was October
- 24 of last year we sat down with the AQMD folks and said,
- 25 "Please, please, do not give us prescriptive standards."

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- 1 Let's have performance standards. They were fine on some
- 2 of these things, they went away, came back, and suddenly
- 3 we get an e-mail late on Friday saying, oh, by the way,
- 4 everything's going to be enclosed.
- 5 I want to make one point on that is that a very
- 6 literal reading of that rule, and I don't know if all of
- 7 you have seen the full package; but looking at the staff
- 8 report and the rule itself, it's not just composting,
- 9 you've got a very literal reading of that is if you have
- 10 chipped and ground material that at any time reaches 120
- 11 degrees, anybody in this room will tell you, Jeff, and
- 12 the industry folks will tell you that that happens coming
- 13 out of the truck that it needs to be enclosed.
- 14 It's not exactly clear what they mean by that,
- but again, a literal reading means that all chipping and
- 16 grinding under this scenario may need to be enclosed. So
- 17 that takes devastating to a much higher level than just
- 18 the few composters.
- 19 It would be devastating to composters, don't get
- 20 me wrong. But if it does that to chippers and grinders,
- 21 and I think we looked at the staff report last month,
- 22 Scott Walker's report of something like four million tons
- 23 of green waste ADC being used, you know, that's some huge
- 24 percentage of the amount being processed in that area
- 25 obviously. So if all that needs to be enclosed, that

- 1 puts a major damper on things.
- 2 So I can't recommend highly enough that you take
- 3 this issue very seriously. I'm very delighted to see
- 4 that you're going to talk with the AQMD as well as South
- 5 Coast, and perhaps with Winton.
- 6 We'd like to on behalf of CORC and CRRC invite
- 7 the Chair or Bonnie or whoever can make it down to the
- 8 work group meeting, a number of us including L.A. Sands,
- 9 CORC, CRRC, a number of folks will be getting together
- 10 before the work group meeting in Diamond Bar to discuss
- 11 this.
- 12 I don't think we can hit this hard enough or
- 13 fast enough. South Coast tends to move very quickly and
- 14 without much, clearly in this case, without much
- 15 interplay with other agencies.
- In the next few months, or really it's a matter
- 17 of time before you start hearing about some of the
- 18 persistent pesticides that are now being used, clopyrolid
- 19 may be coming down in composting.
- 20 Again, I've never felt this, the efforts we've
- 21 done in the last ten years to divert material's under
- 22 more threat than they are today. And I'm not going to
- 23 talk about ADC, but I think we've seen some progress on
- 24 that is which is very encouraging.
- The staff report, you know, the composting regs,

- 1 I think I have a couple of points to make. I want to
- 2 echo what Chuck says, we reluctantly want to delay those
- 3 for another thirty days.
- 4 Part of that stems from some frustration how
- 5 quickly the draft came out of the worst problems that are
- 6 no fault of anyone's really, but people didn't get the
- 7 draft in a timely manner.
- 8 The new tiers I think are not well understood.
- 9 I think I personally again like the direction they're
- 10 going, but they're not well understood. We use the term
- 11 notification which means something to a lot of people,
- 12 but what we're talking about as notification in the
- 13 composting regs is something completely different.
- 14 Clearly CORC wants to encourage not discourage
- 15 food waste composting. We concur with a number of, not
- 16 all of but a number of Chuck's points that need some
- 17 cleanup.
- 18 And I think fundamentally in thirty days we can
- 19 achieve some clarity on some of these issues we hope.
- 20 So thanks very much.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 22 Cotton, and please let us know when your meeting is that
- 23 you've like us to attend.
- 24 MR. COTTON: I'll submit comments on behalf of
- 25 CORC.

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- 1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- Denise Delmatier.
- 3 MS. DELMATIER: Madam Chair, members of the
- 4 Board, Denise Delmatier with NorCal Waste Systems.
- 5 And like the others who have preceded me, we'd
- 6 like to request a thirty day delay on the 45 day comment
- 7 period on this regulatory package.
- 8 We do have remaining concerns, have been in the
- 9 discussions with staff and the other stakeholders.
- 10 Unfortunately, in particular, we do have remaining
- 11 concerns regarding the inclusion of both manure and paper
- 12 in the definition of composting facility operation.
- The definition of green material, in fact,
- 14 excludes both of those items, but then when you look at
- 15 the very next definition of operation or facility, it's
- 16 added right back in. So we have concerns regarding food
- 17 contaminated, food waste contaminated paper in the
- 18 inclusion of composting facility and operation.
- 19 At our request, and we do appreciate Board
- 20 staff's efforts in this regard, and obviously we've
- 21 participated in a number of discussions and workshops
- 22 over the past few months, but at our request most
- 23 recently the paper industry was invited to participate in
- 24 these discussions. And they just entered the fray, if
- 25 you will, have not had a chance to review and respond to

- 1 the latest package which included these changes that I
- 2 just talked about.
- 3 We are in discussions with them. We do believe
- 4 that we will be able to sit down with, we know we will be
- 5 able to sit down, we've worked with them for years, and
- 6 come to some sort of conclusion, resolve as far as how to
- 7 address paper in a notification tier that's contaminated
- 8 with food waste.
- 9 So we along with the paper industry believe that
- 10 we can find resolve within a thirty day delay on the 45
- 11 day formal comment period.
- 12 We are one of the largest composters in the
- 13 state, and we will continue to grow that business with
- 14 the addition of food waste composting, which is the next
- 15 horizon for the composting industry. And we certainly
- 16 want to make sure that that composting industry, like
- 17 CORC, is not harmed in the process inadvertently through
- 18 regulations that don't adequately address protection of
- 19 public health, safety, and the environment.
- 20 Additionally, we are one of the largest paper
- 21 recyclers in the state and, as such, we want to make sure
- 22 that these compost regs do not inadvertently harm the
- 23 flow of, stream of good recycled paper to the, along with
- 24 the paper industry to the paper recycler. So we've got
- 25 double concerns here from both a compost perspective as

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- 1 well as a paper recycling perspective.
- Now with the latest barrage from South Coast on
- 3 proposed public rule 1133, I just can't imagine that we
- 4 wouldn't want to take some time here to make sure that we
- 5 do it right and that we don't go out with a regulatory
- 6 package that isn't quite fully baked yet, and we urge a
- 7 thirty day delay.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 9 Delmatier.
- 10 Larry Sweetser.
- 11 MR. SWEETSER: Thank you, Madam Chair and Board
- 12 members. My name is Larry Sweetser on behalf of the
- 13 Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority, 21 member
- 14 rural counties.
- And we appreciate the efforts that have gone
- 16 into this project, both on staff and also the invitations
- 17 we've gotten to participate.
- Our biggest issue has been and continues to be
- 19 the slash issue. I provided information to the Board
- 20 members, and we were hoping to get that in the draft
- 21 version, but I think we'll be able to get it through the
- 22 process.
- 23 And that's the issue we've been most concerned
- 24 about because these slash piles exist throughout the
- 25 rural counties, have been for numbers of years, no

- 1 problems. There is very little compostables in there.
- 2 And I know the discussion is focused on whether they go
- 3 to temperature or not; and they don't as a whole, maybe a
- 4 portion there, and that's why we're trying to seek
- 5 explicit exclusion from these regulations for these piles
- 6 because they do not have any problem. But to put them
- 7 under the regulations would be a major issue and probably
- 8 stop that activity, which is done primarily for fire
- 9 concerns. So we'll continue to promote that.
- 10 We do have some other concerns, and I think a
- 11 lot of those have been addressed as far as some of the
- 12 lower tiers, that's helped a lot of the small composting
- 13 projects we have in the rural counties.
- 14 As far as the timing issue, we're not really
- 15 opposed to them going out today. I think a lot of these
- 16 concerns can be addressed as part of the formal
- 17 rulemaking. If the Board members feel they need for
- 18 time, particularly to address the air quality concerns,
- 19 we understand that and would be glad to participate in
- 20 that too.
- 21 So if thirty days is needed, we'd be glad to be
- 22 in part of those meetings and come back next month.
- So thank you.
- 24 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 25 Sweetser.

- 1 We have Mr. Chuck Helget.
- THE REPORTER: Just one moment.
- 3 MR. HELGET: I'll wait one moment here.
- 4 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: In fact, I think
- 5 now would be a good time to take our morning break. I'm
- 6 really sorry but we've been going for a long time, and
- 7 so, Doris, we'll take ten minutes.
- 8 (Thereupon there was a brief recess.)
- 9 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: We'll start
- 10 with ex-partes.
- 11 Mr. Eaton.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Yes, I just had a brief
- 13 conversation with Mark Aprea to ask him the difference
- 14 between mammalian flesh and why that's in there and not
- 15 reptilian as well. Is there something that's organically
- 16 different? That was the extent of our ex parte
- 17 communication.
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 19 Eaton.
- Mr. Jones.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Denise Delmatier and Chuck
- 22 White.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. And
- 24 I have none.
- Mr. Medina.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: None to report.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Don Gamblin of NorCal
- 4 regarding the current item.
- 5 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. And
- 6 again I apologize to Mr. Helget, we'll continue.
- 7 MR. HELGET: Again, Chuck Helget representing
- 8 Allied Waste and BFI.
- 9 And again on the composting regs, many people
- 10 spent many hours in a very small room working through
- 11 these regs, staff has done a very good job of bringing
- 12 these people together. Rather than reiterate what
- 13 everybody else has already said, I too support the delay
- 14 of the regs for thirty days. I think there are a number
- of issues that are still in need of some vetting, and
- 16 thirty days would help us get there, I think, much
- 17 quicker.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 20 Helget.
- 21 Mike Schmaeling -- Schmaeling. I'm trying,
- 22 Mike.
- MR. SCHMAELING: That's okay. It's good to see
- 24 you all again. Mike Schmaeling with Santa Barbara County
- 25 and also the enforcement agency enforcement, EAC.

- 1 I apologize about coming in a little huffy here,
- 2 I just finished a meeting upstairs. But as regards to
- 3 the compost regs, the LEAs have worked real hard with
- 4 Board staff on trying to come to a compromise, and even
- 5 amongst the LEAs we're still not seeing a consensus on
- 6 this.
- 7 I would like to recommend that the Board go
- 8 ahead and start the 45 day comment period on this.
- 9 Board staff has worked over two years trying to
- 10 get these things together and, just keep these workshops,
- 11 they keep working and working and working, and they're
- 12 just not getting that consensus that everybody is trying
- 13 to make.
- I think during the 45 day comment period would
- 15 be the time for Board staff to really come to the,
- 16 whatever needs to be done. Let's get moving on these. I
- mean they've been hammering and hammering and hammering,
- 18 and we're just not getting the consensus we really want
- 19 to see.
- 20 So that would be the LEA's recommendation.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. And
- 22 we have one last speaker, Sean Edgar.
- 23 MR. EDGAR: I feel elevated. Madam Chair and
- 24 Board members, thank you. Sean Edgar on behalf of
- 25 California Refuse Removal Council.

- 1 Our southern district had asked me to express to
- 2 the Board today that they would certainly appreciate
- 3 moving forward with option number one, the staff
- 4 recommendation to begin the 45 day period.
- 5 CRRC members in that market zone and the
- 6 affected area within South Coast AQMD believe that it
- 7 would be very valuable at this time to have a known
- 8 quantity with which to move forward, and believe that we
- 9 have worked off it. And we appreciate staff's efforts as
- 10 an honest broker to bring, to widen the circle and bring
- 11 folks together.
- 12 We believe we've widened the circle as far as we
- 13 can possibly widen it, and believe that now is the time
- 14 establish that known quantity and begin the formal
- 15 process.
- 16 And although there are severe concerns about the
- 17 South Coast process, especially as it relates to chipping
- 18 and grinding operations, as Mr. Cotton had mentioned
- 19 earlier, we believe that there is much value in the Board
- 20 moving forward at this time. So we would appreciate your
- 21 indulgence and we support option one to move forward now.
- Thank you.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 24 Edgar.
- 25 Before we go back to staff, or we can go back to

- 1 staff but then I, at some point when you think it's
- 2 proper, Ms. Nauman, I'd like to hear from Ms. Mortensen
- 3 about SB 88 since we, since the issue has come up.
- 4 MS. NAUMAN: If you'd like staff could respond
- 5 to some of the comments made.
- 6 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Why don't
- 7 you do that, and then we'll go to Ms. Mortensen.
- 8 MS. NAUMAN: All right. I'll ask Jeff to begin
- 9 that and I'll jump in as appropriate.
- 10 MR. WATSON: I'd like to kind of go through each
- 11 of the oppositions to the thirty day. And I'm confused
- 12 whether thirty days or the next Board meeting since it's
- 13 less than thirty days, but whatever you decide, a couple
- 14 issues came up.
- One; yes, public rule 1133 is definitely
- 16 something to keep in mind. I see no reason whatsoever,
- 17 and I haven't heard anything substantial to postpone the
- 18 going forward because of the 1133. In fact, I'm in a
- 19 better position to discuss things with the staff people
- 20 at AQMD and APCD when we have that, if we have something
- 21 like Sean Edgar was saying, known quantity.
- The paper manure issue in the green. The reason
- 23 why it's there and why it was removed from the green is
- 24 because paper manure is not considered green material.
- 25 But the reason why it was in there in the 1993, '95, '97,

- 1 '98 regs is because those are ways that operators get
- 2 their carbon to nitrogen ratio optimal, that you have to
- 3 have access to different types of materials.
- 4 Paper is an incredible carbon source, and manure
- 5 is an incredible source for various things including
- 6 nitrogen. So that's why they're in there. It's
- 7 consistent with a green material operation across the
- 8 State of California, several of your operators will tell
- 9 you this.
- 10 I had this discussion with Matt Cotton that we
- 11 need to have access to the lower tiered operations to
- 12 have those materials available to them.
- 13 Basically soiled paper has never been considered
- 14 paper for this definition. Soiled paper has always been
- 15 MSW. If it's not clear, the 45 day comment period is
- 16 built to do that, to make it more clear.
- Disposal; the reason why the disposal definition
- 18 was put in is because we have incurred -- encouraged, by
- 19 opening some things up in these regs, the movement of
- 20 green material to ag land. But we want to also put a
- 21 limit on how much material can go on, and how it can stay
- 22 in a non-incorporated manner. So that's where that
- 23 disposal stuff comes from.
- 24 Again, a 45 day comment period will get CDFA and
- 25 some of the farmer associations to come to the table.

- 1 Why should they if we're still messing around with those
- 2 definitions? So again, we need to enter into the 45 day.
- 3 The C&G, the chipping and grinding and the 48
- 4 hours; there are very few chippers and grinders who want
- 5 to keep their stuff longer. They're not chipper and
- 6 grinders at that point, they're turning into other
- 7 products.
- 8 We have allowed for, in the current regs, 48
- 9 hours for most, and up to seven days for others that the
- 10 LEA could see as having just cause. We could extend it
- 11 beyond seven days, but my question would be, then are
- 12 they really composting beyond seven days, and shouldn't
- 13 they be covered by the composting regs? So the line
- 14 between composting and chipping and grinding gets very
- 15 fuzzy if we go much farther. So I would suggest that
- 16 also is very much a 45 day reg.
- 17 And then the last one, the cleanup needed on the
- 18 OIMP, that's what the 45 day, we need more eyes, we need
- 19 people to come to the table, and that's what happens in
- 20 the 45 day.
- 21 The paper people are definitely, I'm going to
- 22 sit down, regardless of the decision today I'll be
- 23 sitting down with them tomorrow with all the people from
- 24 back east, as well as representatives from this state,
- 25 and we'll go through their concerns.

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- 2 that they will be very pleased that they are being served
- 3 rather than inhibited by this package.
- 4 The only other thing is on the mammalian flesh
- 5 versus reptilian. That comes from a issue that came in
- 6 Britain that bone meal, meal products from cattle were
- 7 served as a food source to sheep, and we had a Prion
- 8 development.
- 9 A Prion is a piece of genetic material, like a
- 10 virus, that's much smaller, it's heat resistant; and so
- 11 the concern was that the host for that was mammalian
- 12 flesh rather than reptilian. Reptilian and avian flesh
- 13 are very similar, avian being chickens.
- 14 So chickens are composted in the State of
- 15 California, or at least chicken parts, and we haven't
- 16 seen any Prion infection in that. We really don't have
- 17 evidence to suggest that the Prions are in the mammalian
- 18 flesh that we have in the State of California. But the
- 19 risk is so great that we're erring on the side of
- 20 caution.
- 21 That's where that came from.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER EATON: They all thought I was
- 23 kidding.
- MR. WATSON: Well there we go. I think that
- 25 pretty much says it except one other thing, that we will

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- 1 not be able to go into a formal hearing type 45 day for
- 2 at least sixty days with the OAL process, the financial
- 3 assurance or the financial effects impact issues that we
- 4 have to go through. So we'll have plenty of time for
- 5 further discussions with all the interested parties, they
- 6 will get more than thirty days to discuss this with us.
- 7 If we have significant changes, that we do not
- 8 think it will be appropriate to go into a 45 day, we'll
- 9 come back to the Board with a prudent package.
- 10 But otherwise I see no reason, there have been
- 11 no substantial either written or oral testimony that
- 12 would suggest that the people of the State of California
- 13 are served in any way, shape, or form of postponing this
- 14 action.
- Thank you.
- 16 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 17 Wilson. Anything else, Ms. Nauman?
- MS. NAUMAN: Not at this time.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Ms.
- 20 Mortensen.
- 21 MS. MORTENSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. For the
- 22 record, I'm Caroll Mortensen from the Legislative Affairs
- 23 Office.
- 24 And I think I've got a little bit of information
- 25 that's pertinent to this debate, and it deals with Senate

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- 1 Bill 88 authored by Costa which has gone through the
- 2 process and is currently sitting in Assembly
- 3 Appropriations. It looks like it's going to pass.
- 4 And what that bill does is extends the sunset
- 5 date regarding nuisance odors and our authority over
- 6 those until April, 2003. That's currently scheduled to
- 7 sunset at the, on January 1st of this coming year, 2002.
- 8 But one of the caveats in SB 88 is that this
- 9 regulation package is -- oops, if you want to know about
- 10 any other bills, I've got dozens too.
- 11 But the caveat with SB 88 is these regulations
- 12 must be adopted by the April, 2003 deadline. So I wanted
- 13 to offer that for the Board's consideration as well.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 15 Mortensen.
- Are there any questions of staff or comments?
- 17 Mr. Paparian.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yeah. Some of the
- 19 comments from some of the people who testified I think
- 20 are, you know, they raise some legitimate concerns that I
- 21 think we need to address as this process goes forward.
- 22 But we're not here today to adopt these regulations,
- 23 we're here to suggest, you know, putting them out for
- 24 further comment, and I think that that's, the 45 day
- 25 period on top of the, you know, time it takes to get 'em

- 1 out there for the 45 days, provides ample opportunity to
- 2 address the concerns in a proper forum.
- 3 If they come back to us after the 45 day period
- 4 in a form that we don't like, then we'll have the
- 5 opportunity to make changes to them or send them out for
- 6 additional comments as has been done before.
- 7 I think we can go through several additional
- 8 processes if we're not satisfied from here with the
- 9 results after the 45 day comment period.
- 10 So I think we ought to, we ought to move forward
- 11 with that process, you know, with the clear understanding
- 12 that we have that the staff is going to continue to work
- 13 with the interested parties and talk to them, you know,
- 14 very carefully about their concerns during the process.
- 15 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 16 Paparian.
- With that, I see no other comments. I'd like to
- 18 direct staff to go out and start the formal regulation
- 19 adoption process.
- And then we'll move on to item 24.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 22 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Actually you made your
- 24 motion just as I was reaching for the button.
- 25 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I didn't make a

- 1 motion, did you have a comment?
- 2 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I do have a comment.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER JONES: The issue with the South
- 5 Coast Air District is compelling, and the issue with
- 6 12,500 cubic yards of manure unregulated is compelling.
- 7 It's the same issues we dealt with in San Bernardino, and
- 8 I'm not comfortable with the idea that we're leaving that
- 9 in a notification tier.
- 10 And if we start the 45 day comment period, it is
- 11 at this staff's discretion as to what comments they take
- 12 and what comments they don't take. And clearly that's
- 13 the way the process works.
- And while I trust our staff, I think that, that
- 15 there has been a lot of contention on this issue trying
- 16 to get some kind of resolution. My concern is 12,500
- 17 cubic yards of manure unregulated as we're going through
- 18 a reg package does not make sense to me. And I would
- 19 like to get some of those issues dealt with before it
- 20 goes out to 45 days because we may never see any
- 21 resolution to those comments.
- 22 And so I, you know, personally I'd like to see
- 23 the thirty days. I mean when staff says it's going to be
- 24 sixty before it ever goes to OAL, then why not get the
- 25 thirty in and send it out at the next meeting? Or why

- 1 not stagger this so that we say staff, you know, have two
- 2 more workshops; one after you've met with the paper
- 3 people; and then another one after you've met with the
- 4 South Coast? And then send it out instead of coming back
- 5 to us and send it out as a result of that.
- 6 You're going into the South Coast Air District
- 7 where they're going to be talking about only being able
- 8 to do this in vessel, and part of what we've got is
- 9 12,500 tons of manure that's unregulated. I don't think
- 10 we're connecting the dots here, because I think that that
- 11 creates a reason why they could put it in vessel.
- 12 So I'd like to make sure that we have that
- 13 tightened up, because I think it clearly is an area that
- 14 we're vulnerable. Because I certainly haven't been
- 15 convinced that that is an appropriate tier for 12,500
- 16 cubic yards of manure, not with the issues that have
- 17 coming in front of this Board in the last three years.
- MS. NAUMAN: Madam Chair, just on a response to
- 19 a technical matter Mr. Jones raised.
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes.
- MS. NAUMAN: With respect to staff's obligation
- 22 to respond to comments. In the formal period we are
- 23 required to take and provide written comment on all
- 24 comments that we receive, so actually putting us into the
- 25 formal process ensures that all comments are recorded and

- 1 responded to.
- 2 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: You know, I
- 3 totally support staff's recommendation on this, and
- 4 unless I hear a motion to not go out for formal
- 5 rulemaking at this time I direct staff to go out to start
- 6 the process.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Question. If a motion is
- 10 made that it goes out, I'll make a motion that this
- 11 package goes out for the 45 day comment period, that we
- 12 start the 45 day comment period. That's my motion. Is
- 13 there a second?
- 14 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: For a point of
- 15 clarification just, or whatever, for counsel, I don't,
- 16 isn't this a redundant motion to what the Chair has --
- 17 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Well I don't
- 18 hear a second first of all.
- 19 Ms. Tobias.
- 20 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Well I think it is.
- 21 I think that the, our practice on starting a formal
- 22 rulemaking is that the Chair basically gives the
- 23 direction to the staff so, and that's what I heard the
- 24 Chair doing, so that motion would be basically redundant
- 25 to what the Chair's --

- 1 BOARD MEMBER EATON: So we don't have a vote,
- 2 legal counsel?
- 3 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: I beg your pardon?
- 4 BOARD MEMBER EATON: So we don't have to vote?
- 5 This is another unilateral decision, is that what you're
- 6 telling me?
- 7 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: If the Board
- 8 disagrees with the Chair's direction they could make a
- 9 motion to not go out for review since that's what she's
- 10 directing, and basically make a motion to keep it in
- 11 house.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Isn't it procedurally that
- 13 if any Board member objects then there has to be a motion
- 14 to send it out? That's how it works, that's procedurally
- 15 how it works, it's not the first presumption.
- 16 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Well --
- 17 BOARD MEMBER EATON: So if you can show me
- 18 otherwise, I'd like to hear it.
- 19 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Well, and in my
- 20 opinion it's as I stated, that the Chair on these
- 21 rulemaking packages has the ability to basically provide
- 22 the direction --
- 23 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Unilaterally.
- 24 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: -- and if the Board
- 25 does not want to do that once she's provided that

- 1 direction, it would have to have a motion to do something
- 2 else.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Then what do you base that
- 4 on?
- 5 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: My opinion.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER EATON: And no statute, no
- 7 rulemaking, no Robert's Rules of Orders, nothing?
- 8 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: I think it follows
- 9 Robert's Rules of Order.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER EATON: I don't think so, so I
- 11 would like to have it cited. So until we have that.
- 12 Because I have an opinion too so, you know, and
- 13 I have a vote. And you're telling me your opinion is
- 14 better than my vote, I don't think so.
- So according to Robert's Rules of Order you have
- 16 a consideration and a direction for the Board that would
- 17 have to be a unanimous direction, would it not?
- 18 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: My opinion is that
- 19 the Board has --
- 20 BOARD MEMBER EATON: I'm asking what do you base
- 21 it on and where do you cite it to?
- 22 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: My opinion is that
- 23 the Board has a practice --
- 24 BOARD MEMBER EATON: I'm not asking your for
- 25 your -- what do you base it on and where are you citing

- 1 to?
- 2 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: My opinion is that
- 3 the Board has a practice on formal rulemaking procedures
- 4 to have the Chair give the direction, that's why there's
- 5 not a resolution with these packages, and there never is,
- 6 the Chair may give the direction to the staff to do
- 7 that. If the Board disagrees with the Board's, with the
- 8 Chair's direction, the Board may make a motion to do
- 9 something else.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Okay. And where is that
- 11 written? That's what I want to know.
- 12 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: You know, Mr.
- 13 Eaton, that is my opinion, it's based on past Board
- 14 practice and my experience at the Board.
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: But you varied from past
- 16 Board practices even yesterday, so are you going to
- 17 switch now?
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 19 Okay. We didn't have a second on the motion.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Oh, I seconded the motion.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I'm going to
- 22 call an adjournment -- not an adjournment, a five minute
- 23 break. Thank you.
- 24 (Thereupon there was a brief recess.)
- 25 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I want to thank

- 1 the audience for your patience, thank you very much.
- 2 Ex-partes, Mr. Eaton?
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: None, Madam Chair.
- 4 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER JONES: None.
- 6 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I have none.
- 7 Mr. Medina.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: None to report.
- 9 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian?
- 10 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: None. Mr. Jones, I rule
- 11 your motion out of order because it's redundant of my
- 12 direction.
- 13 If you want to make a motion to not go out for
- 14 the formal rulemaking at this time, then you're more than
- 15 willing to do it -- you're more than welcome to do it.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Then Madam Chair, I will
- 17 object to the direction, and at that point procedurally
- 18 if there's an objection, because normally these are
- 19 handled without objection, that will be the direction to
- 20 go out for the 45 day comment. If there is an objection
- 21 then there has to be a motion to send it out
- 22 procedurally.
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: That's the way we've always
- 24 done it.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Right. And that's how, if

1 that's your direction I would object, and now anyone can

- 2 make a motion.
- 3 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Tobias.
- 4 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: I disagree. I
- 5 think that if the Board disagrees with your direction
- 6 that they can make a motion to move this to the, to a
- 7 next meeting; they can make a motion to have the
- 8 workshops to do something else that doesn't replicate
- 9 your direction, and it indicates that they object to your
- 10 direction.
- 11 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Walz -- we
- 12 have the AG here too, do you --
- 13 LEGAL COUNSEL WALZ: I'm not as conversant with
- 14 Robert's Rules of Order as Ms. Tobias is, so I do not
- 15 have an independent understanding of how Robert's Rules
- 16 of Orders applies to this.
- 17 I will however apply myself to that in the
- 18 future. I hope to be of more assistance to you in the
- 19 future if this were to come up again.
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 21 Walz.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 23 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I'm not trying to be an
- 25 obstructionist here. What I'm trying to do is, every

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- 1 Board action here takes four votes. There are three
- 2 people who want to see this package out, I don't know
- 3 where Mr. Eaton's vote is, but I know I don't want to see
- 4 it out, I want to see it delayed.
- 5 They, for you to say or for anybody to say, send
- 6 'em out without four votes, to me seems contrary to the
- 7 mandate of AB 939 and in our PRC that says Board actions
- 8 will be four votes.
- 9 So all I'm asking is that since there was no
- 10 vote on your motion, since I object and Mr. Eaton
- 11 objects --
- 12 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I didn't make a
- 13 motion.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER JONES: No, you gave a direction --
- 15 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Right.
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: -- that we objected to, so
- 17 I'm asking for a vote. And my motion was, because
- 18 clearly if it's three to two now it stays three to two
- 19 all throughout the process, then the only motion that
- 20 makes any sense to me is that I'll make a motion to put
- 21 the reg package out for 45 day public comment. That's my
- 22 motion.
- 23 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Do we have a
- 24 second?
- 25 BOARD MEMBER EATON: I'll second.

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1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have a

- 2 motion by Mr. Jones to put it out for the formal 45 day
- 3 period, and a second by Mr. Eaton.
- 4 Let's go ahead and vote.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Point of -- I'm sorry,
- 6 I'm confused here. Wasn't this the motion that's
- 7 redundant?
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER JONES: There was no motion.
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: It was redundant
- of the direction, and it's been our procedures in the
- 12 past that the Chair could give direction when they felt
- 13 that the majority of the Board was in concurrence with
- 14 that.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: So is this motion in
- 16 order or out of order? I'm --
- 17 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: It's redundant of
- 18 the direction. The reason that the Board has always had
- 19 just the direction without a vote, affirmative votes on
- 20 this, is because basically they are just starting a
- 21 process.
- 22 The actual vote on the approval of the
- 23 rulemaking or the rulemaking package comes at the end of
- 24 the process when the Board either approves or does not
- 25 approve the rulemaking.

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1 So at this point it's the prerogative of the
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- 2 Chair to basically direct that the staff continue on the
- 3 particular path that the Chair's giving direction on.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: So it seems that a more
- 5 proper motion would be one to void the direction of the
- 6 Chair.
- 7 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Uh-huh.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: So --
- 9 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: And I asked for
- 10 one.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER EATON: But that would have been
- 12 the decision had I chose to go that path. But I chose
- 13 rather the other, as the direction was given I objected
- 14 to it, then the presumption then goes back to the Chair
- 15 and the procedure to make the motion by which her
- 16 direction will be upheld. And that is valid.
- 17 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We'll go
- 18 there but, you know, I want the record to show that I
- 19 support our staff and I strongly support our staff, and
- 20 it's very obvious that your motion, you're going to vote
- 21 against it, you know, so we go thirty more days. But the
- 22 majority of the Board here is not being able to speak.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Unfortunately it takes four
- 24 votes on this Board to constitute a majority.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Madam Chair, if we're

- 1 going down this path, I'd like to offer a substitute
- 2 motion to have a thirty day delay in the release of the
- 3 regulations for a 45 day comment.
- 4 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Would you
- 5 restate that, please?
- 6 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: A substitute motion to
- 7 not go forward at this time with the 45 day comment
- 8 period, but rather to delay that action until after a
- 9 future Board meeting.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Second that.
- 11 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have a
- 12 substitute motion by Mr. Paparian, and a second by Mr.
- 13 Medina.
- 14 Please call the roll.
- 15 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Eaton?
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 17 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 19 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: No.
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 24 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: No.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Nothing happens.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Then I think we go back
- 2 to the direction of the Chair.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER EATON: No, because then I object
- 5 on the same grounds. That's the problem, Mr. Paparian,
- 6 is that, that there aren't sufficient votes either way.
- 7 And I think what Mr. Jones was trying to reach,
- 8 and what we probably should try and reach here is a
- 9 situation wherein if we had some comment with regard to
- 10 how we can structure the situation whereby these
- 11 regulations can go forward on a date certain, and yet
- 12 allow for the concerns to be raised in a forum such as
- 13 the meeting with the paper people; perhaps the, I'm not
- 14 so sure that that can take place prior thereto, and at
- 15 the same time on a date certain that irrespective of
- 16 those types of discussions that these will go forward.
- I don't have a problem with them going forward.
- 18 I do, my concern really has been when I hear Mr. Cotton
- 19 agree with the others, that raises some ire that there
- 20 are some issues here that I think they can get closer on.
- 21 So what I think should happen, instead of
- 22 sitting here going this rather than that, and trying to
- 23 do a vote and, which is not going to get resolved on a --
- 24 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank
- 25 you, Mr. Eaton, we're going to go on.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Madam Chair.
- 2 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: We don't have a
- 3 motion either way, so we'll go on.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Madam Chair.
- 5 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: We have a lot of
- 6 business here today.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Well I know, Madam Chair,
- 8 but, you know, we also have the ability on this Board to
- 9 be able to speak our mind.
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: You have.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER EATON: And, well in my opinion I'm
- 12 not finished, and if you want to cut me off, if you want
- 13 to try and be that way, then that's fine. You know, it's
- 14 a public meeting, First Amendment rights, and no one's
- 15 ever cut you off from your comments. And I'm trying to
- 16 find a middle ground and --
- 17 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Well I don't
- 18 think you understand --
- 19 BOARD MEMBER EATON: And if you can't understand
- 20 middle ground and you can't see it, that's fine, we'll
- 21 just --
- 22 (Thereupon there was simultaneous discussion.)
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: We'll just let it go, it
- 24 stays where it is. That's great. I'm happy.
- 25 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Well it stays

- 1 where it is.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Great.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Madam Chair, just without
- 4 going to a formal vote, just in terms of the sentiment of
- 5 the members that are on the Board, speaking for myself,
- 6 without having to go for any vote, I support the Chair's
- 7 directive.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 9 Medina.
- 10 And we'll go on to item 24, is very important to
- 11 us.
- 12 MS. NAUMAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Item 24 is
- 13 discussion of previous Board action and consideration of
- 14 adoption of proposed emergency regulations for issuance
- of stipulated agreements to allow operators to work
- 16 outside the terms and conditions of the solid --
- 17 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Excuse me, I
- 18 just want to interrupt for one moment. I just want to
- 19 thank staff for your work over the last two years, all of
- 20 your hours, and I hope you know that this Board really
- 21 appreciates your work on this item and --
- MS. NAUMAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 23 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: And we really
- 24 appreciate it very much. And I'm sorry to interrupt.
- 25 MS. NAUMAN: That's all right. We've heard your

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1 comments and we will continue to engage in discussions on

- 2 that item.
- 3 So I think I pretty much finished the title on
- 4 item 24, so I won't repeat myself. And as you know, this
- 5 has been a an effort that has been going on for a number
- 6 of months, and most recently has taken the shape of a
- 7 working group, if you will, with three Board member
- 8 offices working in the public setting with stakeholders
- 9 and staff to work through issues relative to an approach
- 10 that would be reflected in emergency regulations on how
- 11 to deal with allowing operators to work outside terms and
- 12 conditions.
- 13 Staff has appreciated the accessibility of the
- 14 Board member offices during this process, and we're here
- 15 today to present the work to date.
- And with that, I'll turn it over to Mary Coyle,
- 17 Mary Madison-Coyle -- Mary Madison-Johnson. I'm sorry,
- 18 Mary.
- 19 (LAUGHTER.)
- 20 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Good morning, Madam Chair
- 21 and members, I am Mary Madison-Johnson of the Permitting
- 22 and Inspection Branch.
- I will be providing you with a brief history and
- 24 a review of the proposed regulations, and discussing with
- 25 you some regulatory options you have for your

- 1 consideration today.
- 2 Lastly, I'll be informing you of the steps staff
- 3 will be taking concerning the existing fifteen facilities
- 4 that are currently operating under this policy.
- 5 As you will recall, we've been working on the
- 6 permit enforcement policy or PEP since your direction to
- 7 review the policy last August. We assembled a
- 8 stakeholders work group and met several times. Proposed
- 9 modifications were discussed at the Board's March and
- 10 June meetings.
- 11 At the June meeting, the Board directed staff to
- 12 direct emergency regulations -- to draft, rather,
- 13 emergency regulations, and come back to the Board for
- 14 consideration at the August meeting.
- The proposed regulations are to take the same
- 16 process used for the declared emergencies in advisory 41,
- 17 and apply them to non-declared emergencies.
- 18 The LEA can determine the non-declared
- 19 emergencies based on the existings of an unforeseeable
- 20 circumstance. The initial order may not exceed ninety
- 21 days, but may be extended.
- 22 The Board directed staff to work with Board
- 23 offices Moulton-Patterson, Jones, and Paparian, as well
- 24 as in consultation with CCDEH and the EAC in noticed
- 25 meetings. We were also to discuss and provide

- 1 recommendations on how to address the existing sites
- 2 operating under the policy.
- 3 Since the Board's direction in June, staff have
- 4 developed proposed emergency regulations using the
- 5 process for declared emergencies, and held two workshops;
- 6 one on July 13 and one on August 7th, and received input
- 7 from the Board offices, CCDEH, and the EAC and other
- 8 stakeholders.
- 9 A copy of the proposed text was included in
- 10 BODs\* last week and copies are in the back room. We have
- 11 identified a few editorial corrections necessary for the
- 12 text as it was, which was placed on BODs which are mostly
- 13 to correct grammar and sentence structure.
- 14 Also, just for clarification, the reference to
- 15 the document is stipulated agreement not a stipulated
- 16 agreement order, and there still is a use of the word
- 17 order in the proposed text in a couple of places that we
- 18 will be deleting. We will be making those changes prior
- 19 to submittal to the Office of Administrative Law.
- The key elements of the proposed regulations
- 21 are:
- One. An operator would submit a written request
- 23 to the LEA describing an unforeseen situation, and
- 24 provide details relating to the changes they would like
- 25 to make.

- 1 The LEA would consider the request, and if
- 2 appropriate may issue a stipulated agreement for a period
- 3 not to extend ninety days. The LEA would be allowed, if
- 4 appropriate, to extend the stip in ninety day increments.
- 5 Two. The issuance, denial, or suspension of the
- 6 stip may be appealed through the appeal process
- 7 identified in existing regulations.
- 8 Three. The operator would be required to submit
- 9 a report to the LEA within ten days from the termination
- 10 date of the stip.
- 11 Four. The LEA would be required to transmit
- 12 copies of stips and operator's reports to the Board, and
- 13 provide an oral report to the Board after an extension of
- 14 a stip.
- 15 Five. Once a stip is provided to the Board, the
- 16 Board's Executive Director shall review approvals and may
- 17 condition, limit, suspend, or terminate a stip if it is
- 18 determined the agreement would cause harm to public
- 19 health, safety, or the environment.
- 20 Six. The Executive Director would be required
- 21 to report to the Board regarding any issuance, denial, or
- 22 suspension of a stip or other action taken by an LEA.
- 23 Are there any questions or comments on the
- 24 proposed regulations before I move on?
- 25 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Any questions?

- 1 Mr. Eaton.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER EATON: What if there is no
- 3 Executive Director? And I don't mean it half-heartedly
- 4 here. It's a concern that I have that in a situation,
- 5 not only that, but give me, the procedure would be that
- 6 the LEA informs orally, correct, that a stipulation has
- 7 been entered into, is that correct?
- 8 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: They would not be required
- 9 to do that oral report until after a stip was reissued.
- 10 The original issuance of the stip would be provided to
- 11 the Executive Director who would then provide the oral
- 12 report to the Board.
- 13 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Right.
- 14 This is the same process that's already in the
- 15 existing regs for floods and emergencies.
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: Right. I'm just trying to
- 17 get procedurally what would take place.
- MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Okay.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER EATON: And in the absence of that,
- 20 because from time to time some of these are timely, are
- 21 they not?
- MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Uh-huh.
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: And a date certain. So for
- 24 operators and LEAs, and just being, with hardly, with no
- 25 director, there could be a situation where the Executive

- 1 Director is not present, family emergency, vacation,
- 2 etcetera, and those kinds of things.
- 3 So what is in our rules and regulations in
- 4 regard to that? Because that would be something that one
- 5 of the Board members may or may not want to know if he or
- 6 she were following a particular facility where this was
- 7 entered into, or we may apparently get some conversations
- 8 from individuals.
- 9 I'm just trying to find the procedure so we have
- 10 a safeguard here to insulate us.
- 11 MR. DE BIE: That's a very good observation.
- 12 And I think in other types of procedures where the
- 13 Executive Director plays a role, language has been
- 14 inserted or indicates it would be the Executive Director
- 15 or its designee. We could look at inserting that kind of
- 16 language.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Where we at least have some
- 18 ability where it's not sitting at a desk, and that would
- 19 be fine.
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. Mr.
- Jones, do you have anything?
- 22 BOARD MEMBER JONES: No, that will work.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I'm sorry, I'm nodding
- 25 that that's fine, the direction.

- 1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 2 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Okay.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 4 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Attached to the proposed
- 5 regulations are two options for your consideration.
- 6 The first one deals with whether or not we
- 7 should include a requirement in the regulations for
- 8 public notice.
- 9 And the second deals with the possible additions
- 10 regarding Executive Director appeals, ways of approaching
- 11 those appeals, but not actual language. We have provided
- 12 some additional language, although for the Executive
- 13 Director appeal it wasn't exact language.
- 14 Have you had a chance to look at that? And if
- 15 so, were there any comments or further discussion you
- 16 would like on those two options?
- 17 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Madam Chair, I'll just
- 19 offer that Mr. Jones and I, as well as representatives
- 20 from your staff were in the workshop we had on this, and
- 21 we did have some discussion on the issue of notice. And
- 22 from, from, and I've thought about it some.
- 23 From the options that are there, under option
- 24 one it would be my suggestion that we change it to a
- 25 combination of the notice being in a publication in a

- 1 daily newspaper of general circulation -- that's about
- 2 the fifth paragraph down under the options -- a
- 3 combination of that and the Web page which is the second
- 4 paragraph below that one.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 6 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I would agree with Mr.
- 8 Paparian's offer there. I think it's important that we
- 9 notice, but those two, I think, cover quite a few, quite
- 10 a few folks.
- 11 MR. DE BIE: If I may insert something? If the
- 12 Board is looking at the newspaper option, staff had
- 13 composed this language indicating that the notice would
- 14 be required within 24 hours, and in further discussions
- 15 we've determined that that may be very difficult to do.
- 16 If the stipulated agreement is issued on a Friday, there
- 17 may be issues with trying to process a notice within 24
- 18 hours.
- 19 So we would suggest changing that language that
- 20 they would submit a notice to the publication within 24
- 21 hours, realizing that it may take two or three days for
- 22 the notice to actually show up in the newspaper depending
- 23 on the newspaper's procedures. Certainly a large paper,
- 24 large circulation paper, you know, is able to accommodate
- 25 requests within 24 hours, but some others may not.

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1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
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- 2 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Sounds fine.
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: That works.
- 4 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank
- 5 you.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Good catch.
- 7 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Were there any direction
- 8 that you might have for us on the Executive Director
- 9 approach?
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Members?
- 11 MR. DE BIE: And just to insert a little bit
- 12 more discussion in that, during the workshop, at the last
- 13 workshop it was decided by the panel to include the
- 14 option to have the Executive Director be involved with,
- 15 with the review of the stipulated agreement. And then
- 16 there was testimony from stakeholders relative to whether
- 17 that, if the Executive Director did deny or suspend the
- 18 stipulated agreement, whether that should be appealable.
- 19 And so working with legal counsel we came up with some
- 20 conceptual ways of approaching an appeal.
- 21 It's Permitting and Inspection staff's opinion
- 22 that we would be setting some precedent in terms of
- 23 instituting an appeal of the Executive Director
- 24 decision. There is not one in the emergency waiver
- 25 procedures for floods and large declared emergencies, so

- 1 we would be implementing something new here.
- 2 And we felt that if an operator did want to
- 3 appeal an Executive Director decision, the regulations
- 4 would allow them to, to resubmit a request through the
- 5 LEA that would address any concerns that the Executive
- 6 Director may have had relative to the initial stipulated
- 7 agreement. And that with that resubmittal, you know,
- 8 they would have the ability to present their argument to
- 9 the Executive Director and have, basically be requesting
- 10 a second decision.
- 11 So staff feels that there isn't necessarily a
- 12 need for an appeal process.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: How would --
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Eaton.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Thank you. How would we
- 17 avoid the arbitrary and capricious standard? Because
- 18 what we would be doing, in essence, there's a stipulated
- 19 agreement, okay. And what I'm trying to get at here, Mr.
- 20 de Bie, is Board notice of these instances that, where --
- 21 so you had a situation where there's a stipulated
- 22 agreement, correct? And then there was an extension
- 23 granted. It's upon that, or I'm sorry, an extension
- 24 requested that was denied by the Executive Director?
- 25 MR. DE BIE: I'm sorry. It would be the initial

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1 agreement is sent up to the Executive Director, they have

- 2 the ability to condition limits, suspend or terminate the
- 3 stipulated agreement at that time.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Okay.
- 5 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Madam Chair, could
- 6 I --
- 7 MR. DE BIE: The Executive Director would then
- 8 report to the Board of any stipulated agreements of their
- 9 actions relative to those at the next regularly scheduled
- 10 meeting. So it would be, the Board would become aware of
- 11 what occurred at that next meeting.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER EATON: What I'm trying to figure
- 13 out is what delegation of authority and under what
- 14 provision we could hang our hat that that process could
- 15 take place, since really it would be an action by the
- 16 Board to the Executive Director that could be construed
- 17 without due process. And I just want to make sure that
- 18 we're on solid ground because I don't -- can you in your
- 19 department currently deny that?
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Tobias
- 21 wanted to answer also, Mr. Eaton.
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: Sure.
- 23 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: I think you have a
- 24 good point, Mr. Eaton, and it's something that I was kind
- 25 of going to jump in --

- 1 BOARD MEMBER EATON: I just want to get there to
- 2 where he wants to go, I just wanted to know what steps we
- 3 have to take to get there. I'm not opposed to what's
- 4 going on, I just wanted to know how to get there, and
- 5 also we as Board members need to know that information as
- 6 issues have been raised. So I'm sorry.
- 7 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: That's okay. I
- 8 think what would be important for the Board to
- 9 understand, so let me kind of flesh out what I think Mark
- 10 is saying, what staff is recommending here.
- 11 Mr. Eaton is absolutely correct when he says
- 12 that with the Executive Director making the decision, in
- 13 essence what the Board is doing or would be doing is
- 14 delegating their authority to the Executive Director.
- I do have some concerns about whether an appeal
- 16 should be allowed in there. But I think that that's
- 17 something that the Board could basically, you know, deal
- 18 with.
- 19 And it is, when the Board delegates their
- 20 authority to the Executive Director, as they've done in
- 21 other situations, the rule is that they have to do it
- 22 with enough of the certainty that the Executive Director
- 23 is working within the confines of what that delegation
- 24 is. So it has to be fairly specific about what the Board
- 25 is both giving the Executive Director, and the criteria

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- 1 upon which the Executive Director would make a decision,
- 2 so that the Executive Director would not be outside the
- 3 scope of his or her authority in using that Board
- 4 delegation.
- 5 If the Board feels that they can use that
- 6 delegation in this particular circumstance to the
- 7 Executive Director, I do think that the Board has the
- 8 authority to do that. But I think that's what you need
- 9 to weigh in this situation is would you, do you want to
- 10 delegate that authority to the Executive Director without
- 11 an appeal but with some certainty or some criteria on how
- 12 they would make the decision or what they would be
- 13 looking for?
- Or do you want to have that appeal in there of
- 15 the Executive Director's decision? And then in that
- 16 situation it takes care of, in essence, both your kind of
- 17 due process question, but also the issue of delegation.
- 18 So I really think that what staff is basically
- 19 suggesting is that they think that the Executive Director
- 20 could make that, but that really is something that I
- 21 think the Board has to decide. And actually I was going
- 22 to bring it up right as you started bringing it up, so I
- 23 think it's an important issue for you to decide whether
- 24 you want to do that or not.
- 25 MS. WALZ: Another thing that I would add would

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- 1 be that it would affect who the defendant was if the
- 2 disappointed applicant decided to take the issue to
- 3 court. Would they be taking the Executive Director,
- 4 because it would be the Executive Director's? Or would
- 5 they be taking the Board to court, because it would be
- 6 the Board's decision?
- 7 So it would depend upon whom you wanted, whose
- 8 final decision you wanted to represent the Board if the
- 9 disappointed applicant decided to, to seek judicial
- 10 remedy.
- 11 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: And we do, as you
- 12 all know, we do have those delegations and, you know,
- 13 what the court would be looking at in that case is
- 14 whether you did do an appropriate delegation with this
- 15 criteria or whether you, in essence, kind of threw it
- 16 over to the Executive Director without that appropriate
- 17 delegation. So --
- 18 BOARD MEMBER EATON: You can't punt, in other
- 19 words, is what you're saying, because there has to be a
- 20 basis by which delegation gets their criteria so that
- 21 anyone looking at it from the outside can see whatever
- 22 exercise was done by he or she was within the constraints
- 23 of that delegation, and also the criteria set forth for
- 24 our delegation.
- 25 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Right. And I

- 1 don't, you know, if the Board decided that they could
- 2 delegate that authority to the Executive Director, and
- 3 they're on sound ground, that would not necessarily stop
- 4 a lawsuit if somebody was unhappy with the Executive
- 5 Director's decision. But you'd want to have all that
- 6 information in your administrative record, and then it
- 7 would basically be, I think, a defensible action. But it
- 8 would be something that somebody could always use to
- 9 question that particular decision.
- I think, conversely, the other thing that you
- 11 have to think about here is that, you know, we're
- 12 creating kind of a hybrid process, if you will, that
- 13 still basically has the EAs making the primary decision.
- 14 And the question is really to what extent does the Board
- 15 want to have their hand in that decision, or the extent
- 16 to which they basically push it to the EAs and say really
- 17 it's your decision, and we'll do more what we do with a
- 18 lot of our other programs which is, you know, we'll look
- 19 at the EAs when it comes time for certification and see
- 20 whether they're doing a good job or not.
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 22 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER JONES: The, and I appreciate
- 24 those, that description. This follows LEA Advisory 41
- 25 which was part of the resolution to try to mirror this

- 1 policy after, over an existing, or after an existing
- 2 policy LEA 41.
- And in LEA 41 it says, basically that's for
- 4 floods and stuff, that the Executive Director has this
- 5 ability to do these things. And obviously it's going,
- 6 it's going to take a pretty horrendous issue for him to
- 7 stop what's being used in an emergency and being issued
- 8 by a local LEA and an operator.
- 9 And the, you know, the way that this has been
- 10 crafted, and the work that Mr. Paparian and others, and
- 11 staff did a great job, we have good stakeholders, we had
- 12 the LEAs at the table, and we talked about the emergency
- 13 and the need to act quickly for unforeseeable issues.
- 14 And it's going to be the LEA makes that determination,
- and then the Executive Director is, if he sees some or
- 16 she sees something that just isn't right, then they're
- 17 going to notify and say no, you've got to modify it.
- I like the idea that Mr. de Bie, and I don't
- 19 know exactly where it fits in here, that the LEA would
- 20 have the opportunity to issue yet another, another stip,
- 21 which goes to the heart of the issue that this is a
- 22 stipulated agreement between an operator and an LEA that
- 23 is in cooperation. It's a cooperative agreement to try
- 24 to deal with an emergency.
- 25 So I think that the idea that there would be

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- 1 appeals is pretty minimal, but I think it needs to be in
- 2 there, or some form. I mean something that just lets
- 3 people deal with those issues, and how we craft that
- 4 makes sense.
- 5 But I think the Executive Director definitely
- 6 has to be the one that makes that call for two reasons:
- 7 One, it's consistent with LEA 41, LEA Advisory
- 8 41.
- 9 And the other is we're talking about terms and
- 10 conditions that are going to change for a period of time.
- 11 And I don't think you want concurrence from the Board on
- 12 those kinds of actions, you want it to be at the
- 13 Executive Director level so that it still has the
- 14 opportunity to go one more step if it has to.
- 15 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Madam Chair, can I
- 16 just comment on that briefly? I generally agree with
- 17 what you said, Mr. Jones, and I do think that the Board
- 18 is zeroing in on this question to what extent is the
- 19 Board in an oversight position here or to what extent are
- 20 they actually having some kind of control in this
- 21 process? And I do think that's kind of the crux of this.
- I would like to basically clarify that although
- 23 the Board's motion at the previous meeting dealing with
- 24 these proposed regs did ask the staff to go back to the
- 25 Advisory 41, we could not do that. So these regs are

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- 1 basically operating under a different statutory section,
- 2 so you can use 'em as an analogy.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Right. I apologize.
- 4 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: That's okay.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER JONES: What I meant to say was
- 6 that was kind of the framework that you were looking for.
- 7 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Right. And I would
- 8 agree with that. I just didn't want to get too far down
- 9 that other route since we, we did have to make it clear
- 10 that we had to basically use a different section.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- MR. DE BIE: And if I may --
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Mr.
- 14 Paparian.
- MR. DE BIE: If I may, just relative to the, to
- 16 the just recent conversation, in 17211.9 that talks about
- 17 the Board's role in review and the Executive Director,
- 18 the language we used was taken directly out of the
- 19 regulations for the emergency waiver procedure that
- 20 Advisory 41 expands on.
- 21 And if you look at the last sentence it does say
- 22 that, the Executive Director needs to determine that the
- 23 use of the agreement and, you know, the previous language
- 24 in the waiver would have been the waiver, would cause
- 25 harm to public health and safety and the environment.

- 1 They're using that criteria in determining
- 2 whether or not to deny or suspend or terminate or limit
- 3 the stipulated agreement. So there is existing criteria
- 4 in the waiver process, and we've included it in here.
- 5 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: If I may add one
- 6 more comment just pertinent to that. The difference is
- 7 is that in that other process you have the publicly
- 8 noticed declared emergency that prompts that whole
- 9 action, and I think that that's really what you need to
- 10 keep in mind is that to a certain extent this process is
- 11 much lower in terms of the review that it's getting. So
- 12 in that process you have the locals already acting in a
- 13 publicly noticed meeting to declare an emergency, so you
- 14 have, your public basically knows what's happening.
- 15 Here, even if we add the noticing procedure, you
- 16 don't necessarily have that same type of situation. So
- 17 it's neither good nor bad, I just want to point out that
- 18 we did use that advisory as the framework, but there are
- 19 some real basic differences in how that plays out.
- Sorry to interrupt.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 22 Tobias.
- Mr. Paparian.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Thank you. There is a
- 25 complicating factor in setting up a process to appeal the

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- 1 Executive Director's decision here, and that is that when
- 2 the Executive Director gets one of these stipulated
- 3 agreements, the Executive Director has a choice to make,
- 4 either to say, yeah, fine, I won't do anything; or, I've
- 5 got objections.
- 6 In order for the appeals process to be fair, if
- 7 somebody felt that the agreement should be objected to,
- 8 they should have the appeal right to appeal a decision of
- 9 the Executive Director not to do anything.
- 10 Then the question comes, suppose, you know,
- 11 suppose it's, you know, it's a resident close by a
- 12 facility, and say it's an issue involving increased
- 13 tonnage at the facility. During the appeals process, if
- 14 someone is, you know, appealing to the full Board, does
- 15 the facility get to have that increased tonnage that's
- 16 the subject of the appeal? Or do they, you know, do they
- 17 operate under the conditions of the permit during the
- 18 appeals process?
- 19 My point is that it starts to get pretty
- 20 complicated when you talk about the appeals process. I
- 21 think there are a couple of issues that we identified,
- 22 and I'll mention some of 'em in a few minutes, but there
- 23 are a couple of issues that we identified that we may
- 24 want to look at in the, when we go to the full reg
- 25 process as opposed to the emergency regs which these are.

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- 1 And I think that may be one of the issues, that is the
- 2 appeals process may be one of the issues we want to, you
- 3 know, clearly deal with when we go to the full regs. But
- 4 maybe we can't quite deal with it at this point with the
- 5 emergency regs.
- 6 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thanks. Thank
- 7 you for bringing that up, Mr. Paparian.
- 8 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Okay, if that ends the
- 9 conversation on that issue. Lastly, staff will be
- 10 seeking additional data relating to what the problem is
- 11 that's holding up the existing fifteen facilities that
- 12 are currently operating under PEP.
- 13 Once the information is received and staff has
- 14 analyzed it, we will direct the LEAs to take whatever
- 15 actions they should to bring them into compliance as soon
- 16 as possible and report to the Board on the status of
- 17 those sites.
- 18 That completes staff's presentation.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 20 much. Any comments before we go to the public?
- Mr. Jones.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Just one, Madam Chair.
- 23 Thanks, Mary, I think that, that this is a good thing. I
- 24 think the last part is real important for the Board
- 25 members to get their hands around.

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1 There's fourteen facilities, in fact, we just

- 2 took one off I think today.
- 3 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: That's right.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Wasn't that Yolo site one
- 5 of 'em?
- 6 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: ERS, yes.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER JONES: So we just took that off
- 8 today. So we have fourteen facilities for a lot of
- 9 reasons or different reasons have been on this for
- 10 years. Some of them are financial, meaning they can't
- 11 fully fund closure, post closure; others are CEQA type
- 12 issues. There's one that's been going through CEQA I
- 13 think for three and a half years. Most of 'em are low
- 14 volume, small, rural. I mean one is four tons, another
- one is eleven yards. We're not, you know, we're talking
- 16 pretty minimal.
- 17 But when that report comes back from staff it
- 18 seems to me that we're going to have to have a discussion
- 19 about setting up a work plan with, in cooperation with
- 20 those jurisdictions to get them off of that list or take
- 21 an appropriate action.
- Because some of 'em, depending upon the evidence
- 23 that's, that, that Mary and her staff are going to be
- 24 able to get, it may just be a reluctance on the part of a
- 25 local government to put in the fees that it's going to

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- 1 take to fund those activities. So we've got to be
- 2 prepared to figure out how we're going to actually deal
- 3 with those, whether it's, whatever it is.
- 4 But I just wanted to point that out because I
- 5 think it's very important in this process.
- 6 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 7 Jones.
- 8 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Madam Chair, I did leave
- 9 out the last part of my presentation to you, sorry.
- 10 In conclusion, staff do recommend that the Board
- 11 adopt the proposed regulations and direct staff to file
- 12 with the Office of Administrative Law and begin the
- 13 development of the permanent regulations.
- 14 That does complete my presentation.
- 15 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 16 much for an excellent report.
- MR. DE BIE: That completes Mary's part, I had a
- 18 small piece too.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Oh, okay, Mark.
- 20 MR. DE BIE: Just to tag onto Mary's, we would
- 21 propose to submit these regulations with the direction of
- 22 the Board.
- 23 So far we've heard potentially the direction to
- 24 insert a hybrid of the public noticing piece with the
- 25 newspaper and the Web, so that would be inserted unless

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- 1 we hear objections from the Board.
- 2 And that we would not include any language
- 3 relative to the Executive Director appeal, but we did
- 4 hear some comment about certainly looking at that during
- 5 the permanent process.
- 6 So I think that's where we're at so far with the
- 7 discussion. I did want to point out, though --
- 8 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Excuse me, Mark, I'm
- 9 sorry. Did you get the Executive Director or designee
- 10 point that --
- 11 MR. DE BIE: Yes, sorry, I skipped it. I did
- 12 write it down, but I -- yes, we'll put that in too.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 14 MR. DE BIE: Just for the benefit of the other
- 15 Board members that were not part of the group that helped
- 16 develop this draft, I just want to point out that
- 17 currently the way these emergency regs are written, it
- 18 does not prevent an LEA from addressing a situation at a
- 19 facility that may have been foreseen, and a situation
- 20 where the operator may be in violation of terms and
- 21 conditions. To address that situation through a
- 22 compliance order, a notice and order. It does not shut
- 23 that door, it still would allow the ability of the LEA to
- 24 do that.
- 25 So I just wanted to make sure that all of the

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- 1 Board members were aware of that. I'm certain that the
- 2 members that were at the panel, since they were privy to
- 3 the discussion, are aware of that.
- 4 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 5 de Bie. And you know, I know we have speakers, but I do
- 6 want to thank you, Mr. de Bie and Ms. Madison-Johnson,
- 7 and of course Ms. Nauman, for bringing these regs forward
- 8 in a short two month timeframe. We really appreciate
- 9 your work on this.
- 10 And with that we'll go to the public. John
- 11 Cupps.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Madam Chair, while Mr.
- 13 Cupps is slowly waking up.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Certainly, Mr.
- 15 Eaton.
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: One of the things, so I'm
- 17 not sure if we had a delegation or not, but one of the
- 18 things that I would like to have considered is what Mr.
- 19 Paparian had suggested, I think when we adopted with
- 20 regard to AB 75, that when the Executive Director got all
- 21 of those plans, if you remember, each of the Board
- 22 offices were notified and we had a period of time to
- 23 review them.
- Now this is not where we're going to have five
- 25 hundred of these stipulated orders, I hope, every month,

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- 1 but surely one of them. And if you would look at that
- 2 process, that may solve some of the problems, at least
- 3 for Board notice. And I think that process has worked
- 4 fairly well, at least one or two of us has raised some
- 5 issues on some of the plans. So that may be a model that
- 6 we already have.
- 7 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 8 Eaton.
- 9 Mr. Leary, you heard that?
- 10 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: Yes.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- Mr. Cupps, thank you.
- MR. CUPPS: Madam Chair, members of the Board,
- 14 for the record my name is John Cupps, I'm a consultant, I
- 15 work with several landfill operators.
- I really just had a basic question about both
- 17 the intent and the potential effect of the regulations as
- 18 drafted. Certainly based upon conversations that I've
- 19 had with Mr. Paparian and Mr. Jones, my question about
- 20 the intent of the regulations certainly has been
- 21 addressed, and Mr. de Bie just in his last comment made
- 22 it very clear, I was concerned about whether or not the
- 23 regulations as drafted, in fact, whether or not it was
- 24 the intent or the effect of the proposed regulations to
- 25 limit what I view as a rather broad and expressed

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- 1 authority of the LEA under PRC Section 45011, to limit
- 2 that authority just to those circumstances set forth for
- 3 the stipulated agreement.
- 4 Mr. de Bie in his closing comment there I think
- 5 has made it very clear that that is definitely not the
- 6 intent of the regulations, and it probably is not the, in
- 7 fact, the effect of the proposed regulations as drafted.
- 8 However, I would submit that there is, in fact,
- 9 at least, just looking at the regulations without the
- 10 benefit of the discussions that took place at the August
- 11 7th workshop, there is, I think, some ambiguity on that
- 12 point. And so I would at least request that the Board
- 13 consider adding some clarifying language which was
- 14 incorporated in a letter that I sent to the legal office
- and made copies available to all of the Board member's
- 16 offices.
- 17 And essentially that language would be to add at
- 18 the end of the section 17211 parentheses (E) the
- 19 following language: "Or to limit the authority of and
- 20 enforcement agency to issue an order pursuant to" -- well
- 21 I should have Section 45011 of the Public Resources Code.
- 22 And that essentially is my comment.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian, I
- 24 think, wanted to address this.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yeah. I wanted to, I

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- 1 mean there's a, an important related issue that came up
- 2 in the workshop that we did not address, but I want to, I
- 3 want to flag it as something that I think we want to have
- 4 some continuing discussion on as we go to the full
- 5 regulation package. And that's the question of what
- 6 happens when somebody's operating outside the terms and
- 7 conditions of a permit when they could foresee the
- 8 circumstances that violated the permit.
- 9 Again, we had some discussion of that in the
- 10 workshop, we didn't resolve it, I'm not suggesting any
- 11 language here related to that other than that we not lose
- 12 this as something that we should have further discussions
- 13 of as we move forward in the full regulation package.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 15 Paparian.
- 16 Thank you, Mr. Cupps.
- 17 Denise Delmatier.
- 18 MS. DELMATIER: Madam Chair, members of the
- 19 Board, Denise Delmatier with NorCal Waste Systems.
- 20 I want to express my appreciation to staff and
- 21 Board members and Board members' staff for the efforts at
- 22 the panel workshop. That was a very lengthy endeavor, we
- 23 went into the evening as those who were present will
- 24 recall. It was reminiscent of the old committee system
- 25 that I thought was reflective of the outcome, and we made

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- 1 a lot of progress there.
- I did raise one issue at the workshop and have
- 3 submitted written comments subsequent to the workshop,
- 4 and I received a response back from legal staff as far as
- 5 their analysis, and a very lengthy analysis on the
- 6 inquiry as far as the application of Public Resources
- 7 Code section 44004.
- 8 In the response I want to be clear in my
- 9 inquiry, both at the workshop and here today in a written
- 10 comment, that the inquiry was not meant to create a
- 11 dichotomy, an either/or situation, as far as whether this
- 12 section or that section is the enabling authority under
- 13 45011 and 44004, but that I suggested in written comment
- 14 and testimony that they might, in fact, be complementary.
- 15 And so I guess I would like to further inquire
- 16 with legal staff that it is their opinion that 44004, and
- 17 specifically I think it was (G)(1)(A), because obviously
- during the discussions on getting us to the point where
- 19 Board adopted the PEP resolution at the Board hearing, we
- 20 raised a couple of very real examples where minor
- 21 maintenance issues that were related to a couple of our
- 22 facilities could have been handled and addressed under
- 23 the former PEP policy.
- 24 And so we look to section (G)(1)(A) that an LEA
- 25 may, in fact, suspend terms and conditions, and the

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- 1 suspension is for the maintenance or minor modifications
- 2 to a solid waste unit or to a solid waste management
- 3 equipment.
- 4 So my inquiry in opining that 44004 is in
- 5 conflict or is not enabling authority for this regulatory
- 6 package as far as quota stipulated agreement is
- 7 concerned, I certainly would like to hear at least that
- 8 legal staff is not suggesting that 44004, and that
- 9 ability for an LEA to suspend for maintenance matters and
- 10 minor modifications is not null and void.
- 11 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 12 Ms. Tobias.
- 13 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: I think it's very
- 14 important to state right from the beginning on this that
- 15 the statute requires that permit holders be in compliance
- 16 with the terms and conditions of their permit. From a
- 17 legal point of view I think everything we're doing needs
- 18 to stem from that statutory provision.
- 19 That said, let me ask Michael to, Mr. Bledsoe to
- 20 addresses Denise's specific question, because I don't
- 21 think that that section provides the basis for this type
- 22 of order.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Bledsoe.
- 24 LEGAL COUNSEL BLEDSOE: Michael Bledsoe from the
- 25 Legal Office.

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- I don't see a complementary relationship, Ms.
- 2 Delmatier. Section 44004(G)(1) deals specifically with
- 3 temporary suspension of activities. So the regulations
- 4 that are being proposed here would in no way limit the
- 5 ability of an LEA to authorize the temporary suspension
- 6 of activities at a facility under those specified
- 7 criteria.
- 8 MS. DELMATIER: And I think we're in agreement
- 9 here is what I'm suggesting is that, that while the
- 10 specific provision for stipulated agreement in this
- 11 proposed emergency regulatory package, as an operator of
- 12 solid waste facilities, the narrow question that you've
- 13 opined in your analysis and your review back to me, what
- 14 I'm suggesting is that the question that I posed was not
- 15 whether a stipulated agreement is authorized under 44004,
- 16 but that an LEA has the authority to temporarily suspend
- 17 terms and conditions for minor modifications and for
- 18 maintenance matters under that section; and that from an
- 19 operator's perspective the two, hand in hand, are
- 20 complementary as far as the ability of an LEA to make a
- 21 determination outside the specific terms and conditions
- 22 of a permit.
- I'm not disagreeing with you on the one hand,
- 24 but I just want to make certain and clear here today that
- 25 we're not also opining outside this emergency regulatory

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- 1 package and response back to me that 44004 is declared
- 2 null and void somehow because it's not, in your opinion,
- 3 enabling authority for this regulatory package.
- 4 LEGAL COUNSEL BLEDSOE: The regulation that
- 5 attempted to invalidate the statute would be void, so no
- 6 is the answer to that specific question.
- 7 MS. DELMATIER: Thank you.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thanks, Ms.
- 9 Delmatier.
- 10 Thank you, Mr. Bledsoe and Ms. Tobias.
- 11 Chuck White, Waste Management.
- 12 MR. WHITE: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of
- 13 the Board. Chuck White representing Waste Management.
- I don't know if you've received, but I do have a
- 15 handout, a two-sided handout that lists a number of
- 16 issues that we would ask the Board to consider addressing
- 17 in this rulemaking package. I had asked that it be
- 18 distributed to you and to the staff.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: We have received
- 20 that.
- 21 MR. WHITE: That's good. This is a fairly
- 22 complicated package, and you can imagine it takes a while
- 23 to digest. We finally were able to put together our, at
- 24 least initial review of the package. And again this is
- 25 package dated August 8th which is the last one that I

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- 1 received until I picked up this latest one this morning.
- 2 So I'm not exactly certain how the one this morning
- 3 relates to the August 8th one, if they're the same or if
- 4 they're slightly different.
- 5 I have listed twelve different areas that we
- 6 would like to have the Board consider. Ideally we would
- 7 be, and I'm somewhat reluctant to suggest another thirty
- 8 day delay, but we would like to have the opportunity to
- 9 continue to have discussions on these twelve items on an
- 10 informal basis prior to adoption of these as emergency
- 11 regulations to provide added clarity to these.
- I did try to provide you, in cases where I
- 13 could, the actual language insertion that we're
- 14 suggesting.
- I can go into as much detail on these things
- 16 this morning describing what our concerns are as you
- 17 wish, or I could just give a summary of each of them, or
- 18 I can just, if you decide --
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Why don't you
- 20 give a summary?
- 21 MR. WHITE: I'll give a summary. Of course,
- 22 I'll be happy to not go over it all and work with you
- 23 over the next thirty days before the September Board
- 24 meeting and try to have these incorporated.
- 25 But anyways, number one, the current language of

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- 1 17211.3(B)(2) suggests that, that you're only dealing
- 2 with changes in operation of a facility. And we believe
- 3 there are really three things that may require a change
- 4 during application of a PEP.
- 5 And that is change in the operation, which is
- 6 already described.
- 7 Changes in design.
- 8 Or permit terms and conditions.
- 9 We may have a situation, particularly situations
- 10 involving a facility that has multiple permits that you
- 11 may be, have found at some late point that the language
- 12 of the two permits may not be exactly consistent with
- each other; and so, therefore, we may be operating in
- 14 compliance with one permit, but you may not be operating
- 15 in compliance with another permit. And so it may not
- 16 involve any change in operation at all, but it may result
- in a change in the permit terms and conditions.
- 18 So we believe that adding this additional
- 19 language that clarify, we believe would clarify that PEP
- 20 could be applied to not only a change in operation but a
- 21 change in design as well as a change in permit terms and
- 22 conditions would be appropriate and would potentially
- 23 avoid future confusion on this point.
- 24 Item number two deals with our concern that the
- 25 language in 17211.3(B)(6) seems to imply that you have to

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- 1 be in absolute compliance with all other regulations,
- 2 permits, entitles of other agencies.
- 3 And we would certainly agree that is a goal we
- 4 all hope to achieve. But given the increasing complexity
- 5 of Air District rules and Waste Board rules, Water Board
- 6 rules, and so on and so forth, we're concerned that there
- 7 may be a situation that we would want to apply the PEP
- 8 policy to, say for hours of operation, but because there
- 9 happens to be an incidental litter problem, or some other
- 10 type of technical violation of minimum standards, that
- 11 that would preclude the application of the PEP policy
- 12 given the way it's worded now.
- So we're suggesting that you might want to
- 14 consider language, and this is only a suggestion, we'd be
- 15 happy to work with the Board, but basically that, a
- 16 stipulated agreement that you'd find that you're in
- 17 substantial compliance with all other applicable
- 18 entitlements, regulations, and other permits, and that
- 19 you're making a good faith effort to resolve any areas of
- 20 non-compliance or differences.
- 21 The intent being, you certainly don't want to
- 22 use the PEP policy for a gross violator, but if someone
- 23 is basically and substantially in compliance but there's
- 24 a minor problem someplace else, that should not bar
- 25 access to a PEP policy to resolve the emergency

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- 1 situation, and we believe this language would help
- 2 clarify that point.
- 3 My point number three is related to number two,
- 4 the same issue but in a different section. And again,
- 5 we're suggesting the language be added, "Substantial
- 6 compliance and demonstration of good faith efforts to
- 7 comply," and enable you to have access to the language of
- 8 the PEP regs.
- 9 Item four is just simply a minor editorial fix.
- 10 Number five is essentially similar to number one
- 11 where we believe that the scope of the PEP ought to be
- 12 broadened to beyond simply the operations of a, facility
- 13 but also to include design and permit conditions.
- 14 Number six, this is related to your issue of
- 15 appeals and the issuance of automatic stays and whether
- or not -- one of the options was to provide, require or
- 17 potentially require an EA to make a finding of imminent
- 18 and substantial threat. And we're concerned that we
- 19 certainly wouldn't want the absolute mandate that the EA
- 20 has to use imminent and substantial threat, because that
- 21 might be even be a harder bar to cross than simply the
- 22 concern about a potential appeal.
- So we're not offering any language, but we're
- 24 just simply suggesting that it be made clear that if you
- 25 do go with this, some language, that it's not a mandate

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- 1 that an EA would have to make a finding of imminent and
- 2 substantial threat, although they would have that option
- 3 if really, in fact, such a threat did exist.
- 4 Let's see. Item number seven. We believe that
- 5 this section 17211.6(B)(1) be modified to incorporate the
- 6 concept of not only physical changes to the facility but
- 7 also changes to the permit terms and conditions.
- 8 So, you know, you provide information regarding
- 9 physical changes to the facility as a result of the stip
- 10 you're going to agree, but it may not actually be any
- 11 physical changes, it may simply be that you have to take
- 12 steps to revise the actual permit in order to ultimately
- 13 return to compliance outside of the stip. So we would
- 14 suggest that that also be provided as a option under that
- 15 language.
- Number eight relates to the public notice. We
- don't believe there's any statutory requirement for a
- 18 public notice, but we would certainly concur that if a
- 19 public notice probably would be a good idea in these
- 20 situations; our preference would be the latter two
- 21 options for public notice that are on that laundry list.
- I know you had a discussion, we were concerned
- 23 about some of the problems of the newspaper ad and
- 24 timing. But the last two that were on that list,
- 25 unfortunately they're not numbered, but the last two

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- 1 other than do not require public notice were the two
- 2 options that we believe would be, still provide the
- 3 intent of providing adequate public notice, but would be
- 4 least burdensome on the facility and the enforcement
- 5 agency as necessary to respond to this emergency
- 6 situation. So we could certainly support either or both
- 7 of those last two.
- 8 Let's see, where am I?
- 9 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Summarizing.
- 10 MR. WHITE: Oh, number nine is just simply
- 11 some --
- 12 (LAUGHTER.)
- MR. WHITE: I'm going as fast as I can. Number
- 14 nine is some minor editorial stuff, you know, you can
- 15 just take a look at that. But we believe it's necessary
- 16 to retain consistency with the rest of the stipulated
- 17 agreement language.
- 18 We believe there's some minor editing in number
- 19 ten that is required to again be correct.
- 20 Let's see. Number eleven deals with the
- 21 Executive Director, I think you are proposing to delete
- 22 that. We would believe that, that in order for the
- 23 Executive Director to not have his decision to stop a
- 24 stipulated agreement, to prevent it from being
- 25 overturned, the Executive Director would have to base his

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- 1 decision on the need for imminent and substantial
- 2 endangerment to prevent and block that possibility of an
- 3 appeal.
- 4 Number twelve, in conclusion, my last item, and
- 5 I do appreciate your patience with me on this. Number
- 6 twelve is the issue dealing with existing stipulated
- 7 agreements that maybe exist out there, and how this new
- 8 regulation would affect those.
- 9 And we would hope that there would be some
- 10 clarity, either in the rule or stated in conjunction with
- 11 the rule, that any current agreements that are out there
- 12 between operators and EAs would not be overturned by
- 13 this, by this new rule. And we don't think they would,
- 14 but it would be helpful to have that clarified as you go
- 15 forward with the adoption of this regulation, exactly how
- 16 this would affect existing agreements.
- 17 So that is really it in sum and substance. Some
- 18 of these are real simple ones to correct and address,
- 19 some of these are little more complicated, and some of
- 20 even more complicated still.
- 21 Again, our preference would be to work with you
- 22 over the next couple of weeks and days, and hopefully
- 23 bring this back for a final package that we all can agree
- 24 on and really feel comfortable with going forward. But
- 25 we believe it's going to take a little more time to

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- 1 address some of these concerns than perhaps can be
- 2 accomplished today.
- 3 But we do appreciate, we believe that this has
- 4 come a long way, it's close to being an excellent
- 5 package. And I would urge you to consider these other
- 6 final comments, and we would certainly then be in a
- 7 position to wholeheartedly support these regulations.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 10 White.
- I kind of wanted to get the pleasure of the
- 12 Board. We still have quite a few public comments. Would
- 13 you like to take our lunch break now?
- 14 BOARD MEMBER EATON: I prefer we just finish it
- 15 up and then they can go. Okay.
- 16 Mark Aprea. Please be concise though because we
- 17 are getting hungry.
- 18 MR. APREA: Madam Chair, members of the Board,
- 19 thank you, Mark Aprea representing Republic Services.
- I will be uniquely brief today. And that is,
- 21 one, I want to echo the comments made by Mr. White.
- 22 But before I get into any of that I want to
- 23 first of all compliment Ms. Nauman and Mr. de Bie and all
- 24 of their staff on the excellent work that they've done.
- 25 If you look back when we started this last fall, it's

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- 1 been a long process, and they deserve congratulations on
- 2 what I think is an excellent work product.
- I would, however, urge, along with Mr. White,
- 4 that we do get this right. That we're going to have to
- 5 live with these emergency regs for a period of time; and
- 6 that we do have the opportunity, I'm not suggesting an
- 7 inordinate delay, but certainly would urge that we have
- 8 an opportunity to get it right before it goes out and
- 9 becomes an emergency reg under which we have to live.
- 10 I think also it will set a good foundation for
- 11 purposes of the permanent regs, it will have to be
- 12 developed along these, along these lines.
- And so with that, again I want to thank the
- 14 staff and the Board for all of their efforts on this, and
- 15 particularly the Board members who took the time with the
- 16 working group, but urge that we come back next month for,
- for, before they're issued.
- 18 Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 20 Aprea.
- 21 Mike Schmaeling. I'm getting closer, Mike.
- 22 MR. SCHMAELING: I appreciate that. I figure if
- 23 I come up here enough you'll get to know me well.
- 24 For the LEAs this has been a real challenge to
- 25 be involved in. Basically these meetings have come very

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- 1 fast and furious, and for us to get up here to
- 2 Sacramento, Patty Henshaw who is working on this group is
- 3 coming from Orange County, and it was quite the
- 4 challenge.
- 5 These are emergency regs, as you know, and we
- 6 will stand in support of these. We do feel that, you
- 7 know, there is additional work that should be done, but
- 8 let's do that during the permanent, drafting of the
- 9 permanent regs.
- 10 There are a couple of issues that were brought
- 11 up. The Executive Director issue has worked well with
- 12 the Water Boards, our regional Water Board, you know. If
- 13 there's changes to a compliance order, you can go to the
- 14 Executive Director to get those changes, so we haven't
- 15 had too many problems with that.
- The only thing that that does concern though is
- 17 what happens with the appeals if a local citizen appeals
- 18 this process happening? Are those conditions stayed? If
- 19 we're issuing an emergency enforcement action, I don't
- 20 like the idea of having all those conditions stayed at
- 21 that point. I mean why are we issuing it, it's an
- 22 emergency?
- 23 And then I just, another question deals with, I
- 24 take it that this is another enforcement tool. The
- 25 stipulated notice and order, notice the word "notice" in

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- 1 there, is dealing with state minimum standards. I want
- 2 to be sure that this is not going to affect that process
- 3 in any way. That's been a very useful tool, and as I
- 4 understand, the stipulated agreement is strictly for
- 5 permit conditions. Am I correct in that assumption?
- 6 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. de Bie.
- 7 MR. DE BIE: If, I'll do a Michael Bledsoe and
- 8 say could be -- no. The stipulated agreement is defined
- 9 in these regulations, and it's defined relative to its
- 10 use, and that's for temporary emergencies and for the
- 11 unforeseen circumstances.
- 12 The term stipulated agreement should be utilized
- 13 in these regulations with that definition. If you choose
- 14 to use a similar term and use, you know, another set of
- 15 regulations, you know, it might be confusing.
- But the intent here is not to limit the use of a
- 17 stipulated notice and order, for example. That would
- 18 still be available to the LEA.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 20 de Bie.
- 21 MR. SCHMAELING: Thank you, Mark. Well, the
- 22 LEAs would like to see these go ahead and go through, and
- 23 then let's get back to the work groups at a little more
- 24 convenient work schedule for the permanent regulations.
- Thank you much.

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1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. Curt

- 2 Fujii, Allied Waste, followed by Sean Edgar.
- 3 MR. FUJII: Thank you. I'm Curt Fujii, the West
- 4 Region Engineer for Allied Waste.
- 5 I would also like to echo other sentiments
- 6 expressed here in thanking Board members Jones and
- 7 Paparian and staff for all of their excellent, hard
- 8 work. I think that the draft package is an excellent
- 9 package that very accurately and very well reflects the
- 10 consensus that was developed in the workshops. It's a
- 11 great package and I think we can all support that.
- 12 I would also, however, like to support the
- 13 suggested modifications put forth by Chuck White of Waste
- 14 Management. I think that they are also consistent with
- 15 the consensus that was developed in the workshops, but
- 16 they add some very, very helpful clarification to some of
- 17 the points without violating that consensus.
- 18 And in requesting that, I am speaking as someone
- 19 who when I leave here I go back to my office at the
- 20 landfill and have to work with these, so the added
- 21 clarification would be helpful.
- Thank you.
- 23 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. Sean
- 24 Edgar.
- 25 MR. EDGAR: Madam Chair, Board members, Sean

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- 1 Edgar on behalf of California Refuse Removal Council.
- 2 Just for the record I'd like some clarification
- 3 that this enforceable agreement that we're discussing
- 4 does not indeed constitute an enforcement action. And
- 5 I'd like to, I'd like to, through the Chair, ask the
- 6 legal office to clarify that point for us.
- 7 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. Ms.
- 8 Tobias, Mr. Bledsoe?
- 9 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: This is an
- 10 enforceable order.
- 11 MR. EDGAR: Really my question was whether this
- 12 enforceable order constitutes an enforcement action
- 13 against the facility operator?
- 14 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Yes.
- MR. EDGAR: Yes. Okay. What we would like to
- 16 do is we would support modifications to indicate to the
- 17 current emergency reg package that this stipulated
- 18 agreement is not, in fact, an enforcement order, and let
- 19 me give you a quick example.
- Not to kill this example with scenarios, we have
- 21 a current looming scenario right in front of us today
- 22 that should this temporary package or should this
- 23 emergency package not flush itself out as a permanent
- 24 regulatory package anytime in the near future, one of the
- 25 near and dear issues to our heart may be a looming

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- 1 crisis, and that would be the E-waste as an example.
- 2 And like I say, I don't want to pull out a
- 3 scenario out of this hat that might kill this effort, but
- 4 I want to give a brief example.
- 5 E-waste, we have the new fact sheet that
- 6 the DTSC just released, and Mr. Leary, I credit him for
- 7 having sent that out to some of us that may not have seen
- 8 that. In that new fact sheet it instructs the public and
- 9 operators of the facilities to do particular things.
- 10 Number one, it instructs the public to bring
- 11 their E-waste to a collection center. A collection
- 12 center is defined as any facility that takes greater than
- 13 five units from off-site sources.
- 14 There are a variety of handling and packaging
- 15 and labeling requirements that facility operators have,
- 16 effectively CRRC members are now conceivably operating in
- 17 excess of one hundred collection centers.
- In each of those facilities we've specified, in
- 19 the most recent twenty million dollar facility, as an
- 20 example, the Blue Line facility in South San Francisco
- 21 that came before this Board in September, we specified as
- 22 part of that facility permit, and it's in the permit
- 23 conditions, that universal waste will be stored at a
- 24 particular location in the facility and that location,
- 25 that storage area will not be exceeded.

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- 1 We're currently in a circumstance that the
- 2 newest and best of our facilities may have difficulty
- 3 complying with the new DTSC guidelines.
- 4 We're expecting permanent DTSC guidelines at
- 5 some stage in the future, but as I'm standing here before
- 6 you today, like I say, not to complicate the process,
- 7 however my concern would be:
- 8 Number one, that we have this issue before us
- 9 with the E-waste and storage problems that we may have.
- Number two, the emergency package that's before
- 11 you today could very well be drawn out for a little while
- 12 longer so we may not have anything permanent to rely upon
- in the near term.
- 14 And my challenge would be that, that should a
- 15 facility operator and the LEA not be able to reach an
- 16 agreement on this particular issue, that we would be in a
- 17 circumstance where we would have effectively an
- 18 enforcement action, if I'm understanding legal staff, an
- 19 enforcement action assumed against the facility operator;
- 20 and in this case, for an action of DTSC which up until
- 21 last week was unknown what direction we are to take.
- 22 So if I may just ask your indulgence I'd
- 23 appreciate, we would support modification specifying that
- 24 this stipulated enforceable agreement would not
- 25 constitute an enforcement action, because consequently

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- 1 many of our facility operators, the terms and conditions
- 2 of their contracts with different jurisdictions,
- 3 enforceable enforcement actions under certain contracts
- 4 which my clients have would be jeopardized and placed in
- 5 danger as a result of this small issue.
- 6 So I'd appreciate and be available to answer any
- 7 questions, but would appreciate your indulgence in
- 8 consideration of this matter.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 11 Edgar. That completes our public comments.
- 12 I'll turn it -- does staff have anything to say
- 13 before we go back to the Board?
- MR. DE BIE: If the Board wishes we could go
- 15 through Mr. White's twelve items and indicate our opinion
- 16 relative to them, and then also perhaps if the Board
- 17 wishes we could respond to Mr. Edgar's comment.
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Does the Board
- 19 wish to continue and finish this item up? We've heard
- 20 all the speakers.
- Mr. Paparian.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Madam Chair, maybe I can
- 23 help. Are there any of the twelve that you had no
- 24 problems with?
- MR. DE BIE: There are some, the typos obviously

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- 1 we would accept.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Which ones are those. If
- 3 we can narrow that down then you can only have to give
- 4 your opinion on the ones where there's disagreement.
- 5 Number four.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Four.
- 7 MR. DE BIE: Number four is something that we
- 8 can make a change on.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Okay.
- 10 MR. DE BIE: And nine. Nine and --
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: Can't have any problems
- 12 with twelve, that's just existing.
- 13 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Well I have a
- 14 problem with twelve.
- BOARD MEMBER EATON: So you think ex post facto.
- 16 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Well if the Board
- 17 wants to discuss this right now I'm --
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I'm just trying
- 19 to determine if we're going to have a long discussion we
- 20 need a break for our court reporter and lunch, so how
- 21 long would it --
- MR. DE BIE: I could run through our comments in
- 23 two minutes.
- 24 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Other Board
- 25 members?

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- 1 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yeah, I'm pretty close
- 2 to ready to go with this.
- 3 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Please do
- 4 then, Mr. de Bie.
- 5 MR. DE BIE: Okay.
- 6 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Are you okay
- 7 then, Doris, for a few minutes?
- 8 THE REPORTER: Sure, thanks.
- 9 MR. DE BIE: Should I talk faster or slower?
- 10 In looking at Mr. White's handout on item one
- 11 where he's suggesting including design of the facility,
- 12 permit conditions, terms and conditions, I think we could
- 13 look at including being more specific about its
- 14 operations and design aspects, but the term and condition
- issue is addressed in (B)(3), so I don't think we would
- 16 accept the permit terms and conditions aspect of this
- 17 change to (B)(2).
- In terms of number two, where he's indicating a
- 19 change to 17211.3(B)(6), staff's opinion would be that it
- 20 needs to be very black and white, that they're either in
- 21 compliance or not in compliance. And throwing in terms
- 22 of substantial compliance or good faith effort would just
- 23 lead to a lot of debate and discussion on whether they
- 24 were or not. And I think either you're there or you're
- 25 not, and we leave it up to the LEA to make that

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- 1 determination.
- 2 Same thing for three and the change suggested
- 3 there in terms of inserting "substantial or efforts to
- 4 comply," they're either there or they're not.
- 5 Number four we indicated we could accept that
- 6 edit.
- 7 Five, again, the design part we could include;
- 8 but the permit and conditions part, I think it's
- 9 addressed again in (B)(6) in terms of dealing with terms
- 10 and conditions.
- 11 Staff viewed it a little bit differently in that
- 12 the stipulated agreement is being implemented or issued
- 13 in order to allow them to change terms and conditions, so
- 14 you don't really, you don't really need to tell what the,
- 15 indicate that it's changed terms and conditions, that's
- 16 what it's doing, so --
- Oh, jumping to seven, we'll go back to six. On
- 18 seven, information regarding physical changes relative to
- 19 attaining a permit revision which is what Mr. White wants
- 20 to include. A long-term fix may not include a permit
- 21 revision, it may be some other way of addressing it. So
- 22 I think it would be presumptuous to put in the permit
- 23 revision thing.
- 24 Also, staff was looking at information about
- 25 what physically changed at the facility in order to deal

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- 1 with this temporary emergency. That's what's being asked
- 2 for in the reporting requirement. What did you change?
- 3 Did you get more tonnage in? Did you change where
- 4 you're, how you're handling it? That sort of thing.
- 5 I think eight, eight was about the noticing.
- 6 And we're hearing at least some initial direction from
- 7 the Board to address that in a hybrid fashion with the
- 8 newspaper and the Web.
- 9 Nine is just an edit and we can accept that.
- 10 And ten is also an edit, so we can accept that.
- 11 And we've received some direction already on
- 12 number eleven about the Executive Director and the appeal
- 13 there.
- 14 And twelve, staff has outlined our suggestion on
- 15 how to address the outstanding facilities in terms of
- 16 gathering more information and then working with the LEAs
- in bringing a report back to the, to the Board in how to
- 18 address those.
- 19 And then back to six. On the stay language, I
- 20 think we'll defer to legal on the stay.
- 21 And then Mr. Edgar's example, that's a tough one
- 22 because, you know, they're being put in a position. I
- 23 think it would be rare to have a facility with a
- 24 condition in their permit that says that, you know,
- 25 they're to deal with a specific waste stream in a

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- 1 specific way. Usually the permit itself is more
- 2 generalized than that, so he may be in a unique
- 3 situation, there may be a handful that are like that.
- 4 Typically that kind of description is in the
- 5 report of facility information that could be amended with
- 6 the LEA in thirty days or less, and doesn't require Board
- 7 action and that sort of thing.
- 8 So I would say the more typical situation would
- 9 be that that kind of change could be done without a
- 10 permit revision. But again, his particular facility,
- 11 because of that condition inserted, is in a difficult
- 12 place.
- 13 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. And
- 14 I wanted to go to legal.
- Ms. Tobias.
- 16 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: On number twelve,
- 17 what legal would suggest, and having just seen these so
- 18 we've had a little bit of chance to talk about it but not
- 19 sit down with P and E staff.
- I guess I would suggest that, in fact, we
- 21 require or and suggest, whatever, that the LEAs actually
- 22 go back to their outstanding orders with facilities that
- 23 are out of compliance at this point, make clear what
- 24 authority they were allowed to basically do whatever
- 25 they're doing, whether it's a change in their facilities

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- 1 or whatever. Make it clear whether it's under these
- 2 regulations now or just under 18304, and specifically
- 3 deal with the timeframe.
- 4 Since this, one of the big problems with these
- 5 orders all along is that they may not have timelines in
- 6 them or they've been on the books for a long period of
- 7 time, and it may be time to basically look at some other
- 8 option.
- 9 But I would point out that I don't think that
- 10 the previous PEP policy would stand a court challenge,
- 11 and so I think that there's a question as to whether they
- 12 would want to continue those agreements or whether they
- 13 would want to come in and basically reformulate them and
- 14 be inconsistent with these regulations.
- With respect to number six on the question of
- 16 this appeal, and again, this may be something that just
- 17 needs to be clarified when we do the permit regs. I will
- 18 say this issue of this whole appeal and how AB 59 applies
- 19 to this is very tricky, and we've spent some time talking
- 20 about it, but I think you can see that there's still some
- 21 issues outstanding on this.
- We think AB 59 would apply, and so there would
- 23 be a stay if that was, if there was an appeal in place.
- 24 So, you know, I think that does bring up certain
- 25 ramifications or considerations along that.

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I don't, we've talked about this, I don't think

- 2 that we can pass a regulation that somehow exempts or in
- 3 some way says that a statute of AB 59 would not apply to
- 4 this order. So, you know, certainly we could look at
- 5 statutory changes and say that this is a different kind
- of process, but without that I don't see how AB 59 would
- 7 not apply to this particular situation.
- 8 The one last thing I would offer on the
- 9 testimony that's been offered thus far is that with
- 10 respect to the situation that Mr. Edgar brought up, you
- 11 know, I think with a statewide problem where we have
- 12 something come up like that, that it could be shown that
- 13 operators' permits would not allow them to deal with
- 14 something that, new that happened such as E-waste, you
- 15 know, we can certainly do other emergency regulations to
- deal with that, we could basically give them some leeway
- 17 at accepting that. So I think there's other things we
- 18 can do for that specific example.
- 19 And I realize that everytime we get into
- 20 examples everybody, you know, we've got lots of different
- 21 examples of how these might work, but I think for that
- 22 particular one there would be another way of dealing with
- 23 it as opposed to potentially going through this process.
- 24 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 25 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Thank you.

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1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Any Board
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- 2 comments on that?
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Aprea.
- 4 MR. APREA: Madam Chair, just one comment just
- 5 to substantiate what Mr. Edgar had to say, and in
- 6 response to what Mr. de Bie had to say.
- 7 These are not unique or rare occurrences that
- 8 the -- these, in fact, do occur quite frequently. And so
- 9 I would not want you to minimize, not only the frequency
- 10 with which they occur, but the effect that that would
- 11 have on a solid waste facility, particularly when, you
- 12 know, those terms, those terms and conditions will affect
- 13 an agreement that that operator has.
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 16 Aprea.
- Mr. Paparian.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I'm ready to make a
- 19 motion --
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: -- if folks are ready.
- 22 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: There were some
- 24 interesting points brought up that I think we can look at
- 25 in the program regulations, but I think that this, these

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- 1 emergency regulations are ready to go in their current
- 2 form.
- 3 So I want to move Resolution 2001-290 with the
- 4 changes that we've discussed, that Mark de Bie laid out a
- 5 few minutes ago, both in terms of the changes he
- 6 mentioned before the testimony, such as the Executive
- 7 Director or designee, the newspaper and website
- 8 notification, and then the --
- 9 MR. DE BIE: The various edits that Mr. White
- 10 suggested?
- 11 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yes, and then the
- 12 various edits that you agreed to a few minutes ago.
- 13 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Second.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have a
- motion by Mr. Paparian, seconded by Mr. Medina to approve
- 16 2001-290.
- 17 Any discussion before we vote? Mr. Jones, did
- 18 you have any discussion? Okay.
- I just want to say even before we vote, I just
- 20 want to again thank staff for your hard work, thank Mr.,
- 21 Board Member Jones and Board Member Paparian, and of my
- 22 staff Ms. Sanborn for a lot of work, it's really, really
- 23 appreciated.
- 24 Please call the roll.
- 25 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Eaton?

- 1 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Aye.
- 2 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- 3 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 4 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- 7 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 9 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Okay.
- 10 We'll take our lunch break until about 2:15.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER EATON: Madam Chair, could I
- 12 have --
- 13 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Eaton.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER EATON: And this really has nothing
- 15 to do with our staff, but in the future if we could
- 16 advise members of the audience when they bring up
- 17 documents here, I personally thought this was our staff
- 18 recommendation modifications to change, and I'm pretty
- 19 good.
- 20 So somehow if people from the audience can make
- 21 it so that it's theirs and not our staffs. Because if
- 22 you look very closely it could have been staff's -- but
- 23 that's very good.
- 24 (LAUGHTER.)
- MR. WHITE: I try.

BOARD MEMBER EATON: But that's very good! MR. WHITE: I try. BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. (Thereupon the luncheon recess was taken.) 

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| 1  | AFTERNOON SESSION                                      |  |
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| 3  | BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: I'd like to call        |  |
| 4  | the meeting back to order.                             |  |
| 5  | I believe Mr. Eaton had to leave due to a              |  |
| 6  | personal emergency, and so we'll start with Mr. Jones. |  |
| 7  | Any ex-partes, Mr. Jones?                              |  |
| 8  | BOARD MEMBER JONES: No, just no.                       |  |
| 9  | BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay, I had             |  |
| 10 | none.  |  |
| 11 | Mr. Medina.  |  |
| 12 | BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: None to report.                   |  |
| 13 | BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian?           |  |
| 14 | BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yes. Brief                      |  |
| 15 | conversations with Denise Delmatier, Mark Aprea, Matt  |  |
| 16 | Cotton, and Michael Schmaeling.                        |  |
| 17 | BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.          |  |
| 18 | Paparian.  |  |
| 19 | BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.                       |  |
| 20 | BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Jones.         |  |

- 21 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I saw those same people
- 22 and said hi, but Mike Schmaeling I did have a
- 23 conversation with.
- 24 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank
- 25 you. Okay. We're on item 25.

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- 1 MS. WILLD-WAGNER: Good afternoon, Madam Chair
- 2 and Board members.
- 3 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Good afternoon.
- 4 MS. WILLD-WAGNER: I'm Shirley Willd-Wagner of
- 5 the Special Waste Division, and I will be doing the first
- 6 two items in the division, and Ms. Gildart will be
- 7 handling the middle, and I will be ending on the final
- 8 item for the division this afternoon.
- 9 Item 25 is consideration of approval of the
- 10 grant awards for the household hazardous waste grant
- 11 program for fiscal year 2001-2002. And agenda item 26 is
- 12 sort of a companion item so I won't interrupt in between.
- 13 Mr. Jim Lee will be presenting both items 25 and
- 14 26.
- MR. LEE: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and
- 16 members of the Board. My name is Jim Lee, I'm the
- 17 supervisor in the used oil, household hazardous waste
- 18 branch.
- 19 Item 25 is consideration of approval of the
- 20 grant award for the household hazardous waste grant
- 21 program for fiscal year 2001-2002.
- 22 Three million dollars is a available for fiscal
- 23 year 2001-2002 in household hazardous waste grants.
- 24 Individual jurisdictions could request up to \$200,000,
- 25 and regional applicants, these are including two or more

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- 1 cities or counties, could request up to 300,000.
- 2 Pursuant to Public Resources Code 47200, the
- 3 application focused funding priorities towards the
- 4 following:
- 5 New programs for rural areas, underserved areas,
- 6 and for small cities.
- 7 Expansion of existing programs for collection of
- 8 additional waste types, innovative or more cost effective
- 9 collection methods, or expanded public education
- 10 services.
- 11 And three, regional household hazardous waste
- 12 programs.
- In addition to the aforementioned statutory
- 14 priorities, which I noted above, the program of criteria
- 15 for this grant cycle were weighted towards jurisdictions
- 16 that did not receive a grant during the last two cycles
- 17 and, most notably, proposed to establish a permanent
- 18 household hazardous waste collection facility.
- 19 Thirty-three applications were received
- 20 totalling \$5,730,248. Applications were reviewed by
- 21 staff using the criteria and the evaluation process
- 22 approved by the Board in February.
- 23 Twelve applications totalling \$2,395,572 that
- 24 received passing scores are being recommended for funding
- 25 as set forth in attachment two.

- 1 Some statistics about the recommended
- 2 applications which may be of interest to you include:
- 3 All of the projects except one are for the
- 4 establishment of permanent facilities which was, as I
- 5 noted before, a primary focus of the grant cycle.
- 6 67 percent of the projects are from Northern
- 7 California, and 33 percent are from Southern California.
- 8 On this particular statistic, please note that the
- 9 information in your attachment number two reflects some
- 10 incorrect, incorrectly identifies two Northern California
- 11 applicants as being from Southern California.
- 12 75 percent of the projects are for new programs
- in rural, underserved, or small cities.
- 14 42 percent of the projects have not received a
- 15 household hazardous waste in the last two cycles.
- 16 67 percent of the projects establish
- 17 multijurisdictional household hazardous waste programs.
- 18 If the Board approves funding these applications
- 19 there will remain a balance of \$604,128.
- 20 Board staff will present in agenda item number
- 21 26 our recommendations on use of these remaining funds.
- 22 In conclusion, staff recommends Board approval
- of option one and adoption of Resolution 2001-291.
- 24 Are there any questions?
- 25 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Any questions

- 1 for Mr. Lee?
- 2 Thank you very much for your presentation.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 4 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Jones.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I'll move adoption of
- 6 Resolution 2001-291, consideration of approval of the
- 7 grant awards for the household hazardous waste grant
- 8 program for fiscal year 2001-2002.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Second.
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Motion by Mr.
- 11 Jones, seconded by Mr. Medina to approve Resolution
- 12 2001-291.
- 13 Please call the roll.
- 14 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 18 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Motion
- 22 approved.
- Number 26, Mr. Lee.
- MR. LEE: Madam Chair, members of the Board.
- 25 Item 26 is consideration of approval of funding

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- 1 additional 2000-2001 fiscal year projects, household
- 2 hazardous waste applications, that receive passing scores
- 3 with remaining funds from the 2001-2002 household
- 4 hazardous waste grant program allocation.
- 5 The household hazardous waste grant program is
- 6 an annual competitive grant program offered to local
- 7 jurisdictions to develop programs or facilities that
- 8 reduce the amount of household hazardous waste disposed
- 9 at solid waste facilities.
- 10 Three million dollars was allocated for the
- 11 household hazardous waste program for each of the fiscal
- 12 years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.
- 13 In October, 2000, staff researched and
- considered combining the 2000-2001 and the 2001-2002
- 15 household waste grant programs into one program for
- 16 administrative efficiency. Subsequently, due to the
- 17 different fiscal year funding sources, legal staff
- 18 recommended that the programs be administered separately.
- 19 Both the 2000-2001 and the 2001-2002 programs
- 20 were administered in the spring of 2001. The final
- 21 filing dates between these two cycles was only 35 days.
- The 2000-2001 grant program received 39
- 23 applications. 19 applications were recommended for
- 24 funding, totalling \$3,841,108.50.
- 25 At the Board's June, 2001 meeting, only 16

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- 1 applicants were awarded full or partial funding due to
- 2 the three million funding limitation.
- 3 The 2001-2002 household hazardous waste grant
- 4 program received 33 applications. Twelve applications
- 5 totalling \$2,395,872 received a passing score and were
- 6 awarded funding pursuant to the Board's action on the
- 7 previous agenda item.
- 8 Among the reasons that the fiscal year 2000-2001
- 9 household hazardous waste grant program was, in effect,
- 10 oversubscribed, and the subsequent cycle was
- 11 undersubscribed, include the following:
- 12 The grant cycles were very close together, only
- 13 35 days between the application due dates as I noted
- 14 previously.
- 15 Secondly, there was a preference given in the
- 16 fiscal year 2001-2002 grant cycle for those applications
- 17 that proposed permanent facilities. Fully fifteen
- 18 percent of the application score was weighted on this
- 19 factor alone.
- 20 Some permanent facility applications were funded
- 21 in the earlier 2000-2001 grant cycle that would otherwise
- 22 likely have received funding in the 2001-2002 cycle.
- 23 Staff recommends that the remaining fiscal year
- 24 2001-2002 funding of \$604,128 be considered for awarding
- 25 the passing but unfunded applications from the 2000-2001

- 1 household hazardous waste grant program.
- 2 As described in attachment four, staff feels
- 3 that this option is superior to the other potential
- 4 options of allowing the money to revert to the Integrated
- 5 Waste Management Account, or making it available through
- 6 yet another household hazardous waste grant cycle.
- 7 In conclusion, staff recommends Board approval
- 8 of option one, and adoption of Resolution 2001-319.
- 9 Are there any questions?
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Any questions
- 11 for Mr. Lee?
- 12 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Madam Chair.
- 13 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Looking on the list of
- 15 the four localities, three of them would receive
- 16 something less than what they applied for, around half,
- 17 maybe a little less than half of what they actually
- 18 applied for. Yet the proposals, one of the proposals is
- 19 for putting together a year-round facility and for other
- 20 things.
- Does the description I have reflect what they're
- 22 going to be able to do with the money we give them, or is
- 23 it their original --
- 24 MR. LEE: The four that are funded, again, will
- 25 be used for the facilities as described. Perhaps one of

- 1 the examples is the Palm Desert situation, they are
- 2 talking about permanent facilities, only 70,000,
- 3 approximately \$70,000 is proposed. However, we have
- 4 talked with their Assistant City Manager who assures us
- 5 that local funding will be used to make up the
- 6 difference.
- 7 And the, we spoke also with every one of the
- 8 four jurisdictions that will be receiving monies, and
- 9 they were all, you know, quite happy with the potential
- 10 turn of events here, and assured us that the money would
- 11 be well spent towards the facilities described.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. So the
- 13 expectation is that they will have the facilities
- 14 described in these paragraphs or programs?
- 15 MR. LEE: That is correct.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 18 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I'll move adoption of
- 20 Resolution 2001-319, consideration of approval of funding
- 21 additional 2000-2001 household hazardous waste grant
- 22 applications that received passing scores with remaining
- 23 funds on the 2001-2002 household hazardous waste grant
- 24 program allocation.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Second.

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1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Motion by
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- 2 Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Medina to approve 2001-319.
- 3 Please call the roll.
- 4 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- 7 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 10 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 11 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Item 28.
- 12 Thank you, Mr. Lee.
- 13 MS. GILDART: Good afternoon, chair, members.
- 14 Martha Gildart with the Special Waste Division.
- 15 Item 27 is the consideration of approval for
- 16 augmentation of engineering and environmental services
- 17 contract IWM-C9029 for fiscal year 1999-2000.
- 18 Staff is requesting the Board to augment the
- 19 funding of the engineering and environmental services
- 20 contract up to the full amount of \$250,000 from the
- 21 current funding level of \$103,826. This was the amount
- 22 available in the fiscal year '99-'00 budget.
- 23 Stacey Patenaude with the Special Waste Division
- 24 will be presenting this item.
- MS. PATENAUDE: Madam Chair, members of the

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- 1 Board, my name is Stacey Patenaude, I work in the Solid
- 2 Waste Division here at the Waste Board, and I'm the
- 3 contract manager for the engineering and environmental
- 4 services contract C9029.
- 5 This contract was originally awarded to Dr. Dana
- 6 Humphreys in April of 2000, and the contract will expire
- 7 in May of 2002. This proposed contract is for the, is to
- 8 promote the use of shredded tires in civil engineering
- 9 applications and to do research and development into new
- 10 uses for shredded tires in civil engineering
- 11 applications.
- 12 By fully funding this contract with the
- additional 100,000, 146,174, and extending the term by
- 14 twelve months, this will allow our efforts to continue.
- 15 Of the options available to the Board, staff
- 16 would like to recommend the adoption of Resolution
- 17 2001-297 for the augmentation of time and funds to C9029
- 18 contract.
- 19 That concludes my presentation. Myself and Dr.
- 20 Humphreys can answer any questions you may have.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 22 much.
- 23 Any questions?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 25 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.

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- 1 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I take a lot of pleasure in
- 2 moving this resolution. I think Dr. Humphrey has done
- 3 this state a great service in the work that he's done for
- 4 us in the last few years, and we're lucky to have you.
- 5 I'll move adoption of Resolution --
- 6 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Excuse me, before we move
- 7 this.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Medina.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Yeah. There was one
- 10 change I wanted to make, and that's, that was
- 11 specifically the program scoring criteria, number nine --
- 12 MS. GILDART: I think you're one ahead of us.
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Am I? Oh, okay.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Move adoption of Resolution
- 16 2001-297, consideration of approval of the augmentation
- 17 of the engineering and environmental services contract
- 18 IWM-C9029 for fiscal year '99-2000.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Second that.
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Motion by
- 21 Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Medina to approve Resolution
- 22 2001-297.
- 23 Please call the roll.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.

- 1 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- 2 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 3 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 5 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 6 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. And thank
- 7 you, Dr. Humphreys, I didn't realize you were here. We
- 8 appreciate all of your work.
- 9 Okay. Number 28.
- 10 MS. GILDART: Item 28 is the consideration of
- 11 approval of the grant awards for the local government
- 12 waste tire cleanup grant program for fiscal year
- 13 2001-2002.
- 14 This item was prepared by Diane Nordstrom-
- 15 Lampkin of the Special Waste Division. Unfortunately for
- 16 us, but happily for Diane, she gave birth last Wednesday
- 17 to an eight pound fourteen ounce boy, Eric Russell
- 18 Lampkin. Mother and son are both doing well.
- 19 However, Bob Fujii with the Special Waste
- 20 Division will be presenting this item.
- 21 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Please give her
- 22 our congratulations.
- MR. FUJII: I'm sure she wishes she was here.
- 24 (LAUGHTER.)
- MR. FUJII: Madam Chair, members of the Board,

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- 1 I'm Bob Fujii of the Special Waste Division.
- 2 The purpose of these grants as you already know
- 3 is to provide funds for local governments to clean up
- 4 illegal waste tire piles within their jurisdiction.
- 5 This is the first cycle of awards for these
- 6 grants for this fiscal year. Typically we do, this one
- 7 is continuously funded, so we do about three different
- 8 cycles, and this is the first of those three cycles.
- 9 In previous Board actions the Board approved the
- 10 criteria and also approved this continuous filing period
- 11 for these grants back in February of 2001.
- 12 And then, as part of the five year plan, the
- 13 Board approved funding for these grants in the amount of
- 14 a million dollars for fiscal year 2001-2002.
- This first cycle of grants, the deadline for
- 16 submitting grants was May 31st, 2000, and we only
- 17 received, unfortunately, two applications; one from the
- 18 Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, Monterey County,
- 19 and the second from the City of Modesto, Stanislaus
- 20 County.
- 21 The review panel evaluated the applications and
- 22 determined that the applications all met the minimum
- 23 score required to qualify for grant funding.
- 24 Just briefly, the two projects that are before
- 25 you, the Salinas Valley Waste Authority Project is

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- 1 proposed to clean up four illegal, excuse me, illegal
- 2 waste tire sites. They range in size from 500 to 2,000
- 3 tires in or near the city of Gonzales in Monterey
- 4 County. Once the tires are collected they will be
- 5 disposed of in a nearby landfill. The total amount
- 6 requested in the grant is \$9,450.
- 7 And in the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County
- 8 project, the proposal is to continue its program to
- 9 collect all tires illegally disposed of, and it's now a
- 10 program that's been successful for them, and this is, I
- 11 believe, the fourth time that they'll be doing this.
- 12 Golden By-products is their contractor or
- 13 subcontractor they've hired to do this and pick up and
- 14 provide transportation of the waste tires. And they've
- 15 requested a grant in the amount of \$9,450.
- With that, of the options available, the Board
- 17 staff would certainly recommend approval of Resolution
- 18 2001-298, funding the cleanup grants for these two grant
- 19 applicants that I just described.
- 20 And that concludes my presentation. Any
- 21 questions?
- 22 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Any
- 23 questions of Mr. Fujii?
- Oh, Mr. Medina.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Yes, no questions. I did

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- 1 want to offer some changes, and that's particularly to
- 2 the program scoring criteria.
- 3 And I'd like to propose that we increase the
- 4 number of points from four to eight to make the criteria
- 5 consistent with the rest of the points allowable in the
- 6 program area.
- 7 I'd also like to strike the language, "One time
- 8 bonus points offered to encourage participation by
- 9 underserved areas."
- 10 Staff has sent out more than 1,000 NOFAs and
- 11 only got two responses that were easily funded with the
- 12 funds available. And we'll continue to work with the
- 13 California tribes to ensure their participation in Board
- 14 programs.
- Board member Eaton brought up the important
- 16 point that there is no need to discourage poor
- 17 communities from dipping more than once at this well, and
- 18 therefore I see no reason to establish constraints that
- 19 inhibit the interests of the organizations interested in
- 20 applying for funding under this program.
- 21 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Madam Chair.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Tobias.
- 23 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: I think that what
- 24 might be appropriate in this situation, since the agenda
- 25 item is noticed as the approval of the grants awards,

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1 that if the Board would like to change grant criteria you

- 2 could certainly ask the Executive Director to bring back
- 3 an item that would propose to do that.
- 4 But because the item is only noticed for grant
- 5 awards, we don't really have the public here, they
- 6 haven't been on notice that your criteria might be
- 7 changed, so while there's no impediment to changing the
- 8 criteria, we would need to have an agenda item on it to
- 9 take that up.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Well your point is well
- 11 taken, let me direct staff to do that.
- MS. GILDART: We'll be happy to. There is,
- 13 though, the timing issue. Because we're doing, I think
- 14 it's three cycles this year, the second application cycle
- 15 deadline is August 31st, so we would not be able --
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Given that you have had so
- 17 few applicants given the amount of funds available, is it
- 18 possible to stretch out the next funding cycle to get
- 19 more applications in?
- 20 MS. GILDART: It would be possible. We'd have
- 21 to look at the whole timeline. We could bring that back
- 22 to the Board. We were hoping to get three cycles
- 23 completed in the year, pushing one back would then also
- 24 push the next one back, and I'd need to check with the
- 25 timeline to see if we can get them all three finalized by

- 1 June of next year, I believe we can.
- Will it be all right if we come back with a
- 3 timeline for the Board to consider?
- 4 The second cycle, this might also be a legal
- 5 issue, if it was noticed as due on August 31st, is this
- 6 sufficient notice of time to let the applicants know they
- 7 have additional time to submit?
- 8 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Well, probably not.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: When would be your next
- 10 cycle?
- 11 MR. FUJII: The one after that.
- 12 MS. GILDART: I think that would be November.
- 13 MR. FUJII: Yeah, I think it's more towards the
- 14 first of the year, I think it's more like January. But I
- 15 have to check. I mean they are about, give or take, four
- 16 or five months apart.
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: For the August 31st cycle
- 18 do you have any additional applications that have come
- 19 in?
- 20 MR. FUJII: You know, at this point I don't know
- 21 what the status of that is. They are due on the 31st,
- 22 and typically the applicants will wait until almost the
- 23 last minute to submit them.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Again, I'm concerned that
- 25 out of one thousand NOFAs that went out, that we only

- 1 have two applicants.
- 2 MR. FUJII: One thing to keep in mind, and we'd
- 3 be happy to change the criteria, but in this first grant
- 4 cycle it was a fairly short turnaround time. As I recall
- 5 the NOFA was on the street sometime, maybe a month or so
- 6 before they were required to turn the thing back in. And
- 7 part of our issue was dealing with, you know, our budget
- 8 for the tire program. The budget was just recently
- 9 approved at the end of July, and there was some
- 10 uncertainty about our funding, so trying to get that
- 11 first cycle in we did sort of rush it through.
- 12 So part of it could be just that and, you know,
- 13 this next one we would expect that we would get a better
- 14 response. But certainly not anything that's going to be
- 15 over, you know, we won't run out of money, but we do
- 16 expect to get a few more.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Well if you could just
- 18 follow up in regard to the scoring criteria?
- 19 MR. FUJII: Sure, we can do that definitely.
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Tobias, did
- 21 you wish to speak?
- 22 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: Would that be
- 23 following it up for the third cycle then?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Yes.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Madam Chair.

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- 1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I think I've raised this
- 3 point on a couple of the other grant programs in the
- 4 past, but I think at some point in the future we may want
- 5 to take a look at our outreach to let people know about
- 6 our grant, our grants that are available. And I'll work
- 7 with staff on how we might take a look at that.
- 8 But I worry that some of the localities that
- 9 might be especially needing some of our grants may not
- 10 have the word about our grant availability, or may have
- 11 difficulty in putting together the packages that they
- 12 need to put together because they're stretched so thin to
- 13 begin with, they may have difficulty actually putting the
- 14 package together for us. So I'm not quite sure what we
- do about that, but I think it's something worth
- 16 exploring.
- MR. FUJII: We'd welcome any input that you
- 18 would have on that definitely. One thing we also did, as
- 19 the Board might remember, is we did also relax some of
- 20 the criteria in the last criteria item we brought forward
- 21 to you in February by making the grant amounts a little
- 22 bit more; by reducing the size of the tire piles that the
- 23 applicants could clean up, I mean from, I forget if it
- 24 was, anything above five hundred previously and now we're
- 25 telling them that anything below five hundred is a

- 1 potential candidate. So we have taken some steps.
- 2 And we're hoping that some of these new criteria
- 3 will have maybe a more favorable, you know, make it a
- 4 little more favorable for people to apply for these
- 5 grants, and that sort of remains to be seen. But we'd
- 6 certainly like any input from you on that.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Madam Chair, I'd like to
- 8 move this resolution, I think Mr. Fujii's point was well
- 9 taken, but I'd like to go ahead and move this resolution.
- 10 I'd like to move 2001-298, approval of the grant
- 11 awards for the local government waste tire cleanup grant
- 12 program for fiscal year 2001-2002.
- 13 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 14 Medina. I'll second that.
- 15 And before we vote I did want to say, I
- 16 certainly agree with you, Mr. Paparian, and really
- 17 appreciate staff's efforts to try and reach those
- 18 communities.
- 19 Please call the roll.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 22 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.

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- 1 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 2 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Item 29.
- 3 MS. GILDART: Item 29 is consideration of
- 4 approval of the scope of work for the fiscal year
- 5 2001-2002 tire subsidy rebate research study.
- 6 This study is intended to produce a formal
- 7 policy analysis of end use incentives as a market
- 8 development tool for tire recycling in California.
- 9 Staff is proposing that the scope of work be
- 10 carried out by the California State University at
- 11 Sacramento's Graduate School of Public Policy.
- 12 We view this as a very exciting opportunity to
- 13 work in close conjunction with the university system, and
- 14 help them in setting up their policy, public policy
- 15 research program.
- The scope of work which is attached on page 29-4
- 17 would require the contractor to conduct a cost benefit
- 18 analysis of subsidies when compared to other market
- 19 development programs; a formal review of subsidies in
- 20 other states and countries; and they would be required to
- 21 include the North American Free Trade Agreement and the
- 22 general agreement on tariffs and trade as possible
- 23 barriers or difficulties for the import of tires and
- 24 export of tires; and to try and identify the appropriate
- 25 receivers of any subsidy, and possible subsidy amounts,

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- 1 and whether they should be phased in or not.
- 2 CSUS has prepared a syllabus which lays out the
- 3 coursework that the graduate students will be expected to
- 4 conduct. There are required reading materials, and they
- 5 are proposing two workshops to be held with industry
- 6 representatives on September 5th and November 7th.
- 7 In conclusion, I would like to request that
- 8 staff approve option one, to approve the proposed scope
- 9 of work for fiscal year 2001-2002, and adopt Resolution
- 10 2001-296.
- 11 Staff is happy to take any questions and we have
- 12 Professor Rob Wassmer with Sacramento State who is
- 13 available also to answer questions.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 15 Gildart.
- Any questions, Board members?
- Mr. Jones.
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Thanks, Madam Chair.
- 19 Question for staff and I guess for the professor.
- 20 When this thing first circulated around to our
- 21 offices I made a comment that, is there going to be an
- 22 analysis of the impacts of subsidy going to one
- 23 particular piece of the industry, let's say crumb rubber
- 24 producers, and what the impact that has on civil
- 25 engineering for the other pieces of the infrastructure

- 1 that's been built? And I don't see it in this
- 2 coursework. I mean I don't see it in this definition.
- I think, you know, without an analysis of how a
- 4 subsidy to one particular part of the industry, and
- 5 there's no discussion of what the impact is to the other
- 6 part, it's very confusing to me. Because for every
- 7 action there's a reaction, and do we distort the
- 8 marketplace in such a way, without taking that into
- 9 consideration, then we do more harm than good?
- I guess I had asked staff if that could be
- 11 included, maybe it's hidden in here somewhere, but it's,
- 12 it was pretty critical to my way of thinking.
- 13 MS. GILDART: So we could include a statement in
- 14 the scope of work to say, "Comparison of rebates on one
- 15 market segment and their effect on other market
- 16 segments," something along that line is what you're --
- 17 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I guess, yeah. Did the
- 18 professor have this in mind when he was being talked to
- 19 about this? I mean I'm really worried about the
- 20 distortion of the marketplace.
- 21 MS. GILDART: I believe so, but I think he would
- 22 be happy to address you himself.
- 23 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you,
- 24 welcome, and please state your name for the record.
- 25 PROFESSOR WASSMER: Thank you, Madam Chair and

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- 1 members of the Board. Pleasure to be here.
- 2 Let me just begin with a quick background on
- 3 that. The way this is going to be set up is we're going
- 4 to have ten graduate students working on their
- 5 culminating project for the Masters program, and the
- 6 intention is for all of them to work on this issue, but
- 7 to pick out little segments of it, and to produce an
- 8 individual thesis, and at the end I would take all of
- 9 those theses and prepare a final report in the form that
- 10 the Board would like it to be.
- 11 And your point is very well taken, and is one
- 12 that one or more of the graduate students could take on
- 13 that chunk of it and would be very pleased to do it.
- I think Martha and I have already set up a
- 15 September 7th, September 3rd or 7th, early September
- 16 where we would, we definitely want this to be client
- 17 driven with the Board being our clients, and we want, you
- 18 know, we're pretty much open on how we want to do this.
- 19 We bring no biases to this.
- 20 I'm trying to teach the students the least
- 21 biased, appropriate way to conduct a benefit cost study
- 22 like this, and to teach it in a client mode where we're
- 23 trying to serve the clients.
- And so we, you know, would welcome, you know,
- 25 your participation and, you know, the raising of these

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- 1 issues. And we consider, of course, the Board to be the
- 2 key stakeholder in this, and would appreciate all the
- 3 comments and try to, as much as humanly possible,
- 4 incorporate them.
- 5 So that issue and any other issues that you'd
- 6 particularly like addressed in this I think we'll be able
- 7 to handle. As I said, there's going to be ten different
- 8 students working on this so, in fact, you're going to get
- 9 ten different type of reports that will eventually be put
- 10 together into one. But that and other analysis will
- 11 definitely, can be, can and will be included.
- 12 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 13 much.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Other than a good grade,
- will the students be getting any compensation for this?
- 16 PROFESSOR WASSMER: Ethically I don't think that
- 17 that's possible. You know, to be honest with you, the
- 18 money is going to come to our program, and we are going
- 19 to use it within our program for recruitment, for
- 20 activities within the program.
- 21 But, you know, we can't, this is a class that
- 22 the students are taking, and I will not be taking
- 23 compensation directly for working with the students or
- 24 the students will not be taking compensation, but it will
- 25 come into our program to further our program. So there's

- 1 that benefit also.
- 2 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 3 much.
- 4 PROFESSOR WASSMER: Sure.
- 5 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Any other
- 6 questions?
- 7 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Jones.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I would like to move
- 10 adoption of Resolution 2001-296, consideration of the
- 11 approval of the scope of work for fiscal year 2001-2002
- 12 tire subsidy/rebate research study.
- 13 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Second.
- 14 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay, thank you,
- 15 Mr. Jones and Mr. Medina. Resolution by, motion by Mr.
- 16 Jones, seconded by Mr. Medina to approve Resolution
- 17 2001-296.
- 18 Please call the roll.
- 19 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 21 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 23 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 25 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?

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- 1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Item 30.
- 2 MS. GILDART: Item 30 is consideration of
- 3 adoption of the proposed regulations for the Playground
- 4 Safety and Recycling Act Grant Program, California Code
- 5 of Regulations Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 7.2, Article
- 6 1-9; or approval to notice an additional fifteen day
- 7 comment period and hearing for public comment. This is
- 8 depending upon the Board's direction. We wanted to
- 9 notice both possible actions.
- 10 This grant -- I'm sorry, wrong one.
- 11 These regulations are to govern a grant program
- 12 that was set up by AB, Assembly Bill 1055, Villaraigosa,
- 13 in 1999. The program was to be administered by the Board
- 14 to provide grant funding to schools to update existing
- 15 playgrounds to use recycled content of equipment and meet
- 16 new safety standards. Two million dollars was made
- 17 available by the budget act from Proposition 98 funds.
- 18 The bill had also authorized the Board to adopt
- 19 emergency regulations to implement the program. And the
- 20 Board adopted those regulations at its April, 2000
- 21 meeting.
- 22 Today staff is requesting the Board to formally
- 23 adopt the final regulations. Staff will then prepare the
- 24 closure of the rulemaking file and forward the file and
- 25 regulations to the Office of Administrative Law.

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1 Jesse Adams of the Special Waste Division will

- 2 describe the process staff has undertaken to prepare the
- 3 regulations and to incorporate the public comments.
- 4 MR. ADAMS: Madam Chair and members, at this
- 5 point since we are at the end of the public comment
- 6 period, it ended Monday, could we ask if anyone in the
- 7 audience wishes to make comment to these regulations?
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Certainly. Any
- 9 comments from the audience? I don't have any speaker
- 10 slips.
- MR. ADAMS: Nobody jumping up and down and
- 12 waving.
- 13 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: No.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: There's got to be
- 15 someone asking for thirty more days for these regs, I'm
- 16 surprised.
- 17 (LAUGHTER.)
- MR. ADAMS: What I'd like to do --
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay, thank
- 20 you. Continue, please.
- 21 MR. ADAMS: What I'd like to do is quickly give
- 22 a brief summary of previous Board action, options
- 23 available to the Board, our staff recommendation, and
- 24 then I'll go to the comments that we've received. All of
- 25 the comments came in from parks, and no schools

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- 1 responded.
- 2 At its April 24-25, 2001 meeting, Board approved
- 3 staff's request to formally notice these proposed
- 4 regulations after directing staff to revise criterion
- 5 concerning extreme financial hardship.
- 6 The revised criterion concerning extreme
- 7 financial hardship was approved by the Board at its May
- 8 14th, 2001 meeting, and was incorporated into the
- 9 proposed regulations.
- 10 As I mentioned, the proposed regulations were
- 11 noticed on June 29th, 2001, and the written comment
- 12 period ended August 13th, 2001.
- 13 Members may wish to, Board members may wish to
- 14 adopt the proposed regulations and adopt Resolution
- 15 2001-282;
- Or approve additional revisions to the proposed
- 17 regs and provide notice for an additional fifteen day
- 18 public review and comment period;
- 19 Or direct staff to further revise proposed
- 20 regulations for the Playground Safety and Recycling Act
- 21 Grant Program.
- 22 Staff recommends option one, Board adoption of
- 23 the proposed regulations, and adopt resolution number
- 24 2001-282 of attachment two.
- Now, in our request for comments we went out to

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- 1 the, all outside persons and organizations originally
- 2 consulted in the development of the emergency
- 3 regulations, and in addition we consulted with the
- 4 following state departments and associations that
- 5 represent the following groups:
- 6 We contacted the Department of Education, Health
- 7 Services, Conservation, Parks and Recreation, the League
- 8 of California Cities, California State Association of
- 9 Counties, California Park and Recreation Society,
- 10 beverage container recyclers, waste haulers and special
- 11 districts, school districts, county superintendents of
- 12 schools, non-profit organizations, and private
- 13 companies. It might be interesting to note that all
- 14 comments were received by e-mail.
- I will not take these in order. Three of them,
- 16 actually two of them and a question are in the item
- 17 packet. I will not take them in order because I'd like
- 18 to aggregate two of them because they're the same.
- 19 The first comment opposed the division of the
- 20 state in the north south regions for the purposes of
- 21 allocating funding by population, and recommended
- 22 deleting Section 18576.
- 23 The commenter's feeling was that the program
- 24 should be competitive statewide with the funds being
- 25 awarded solely on the criteria in Section 18574 which was

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- 1 the criteria the Board adopted for us to review the regs.
- 2 The response was that the basis for not deleting
- 3 the provision was that the geographical allocation
- 4 adopted by the Board was intended to ensure that the
- 5 grants were distributed evenly throughout the state, and
- 6 thereby fairly serve all of California residents.
- 7 The second comment covers Section 18571,
- 8 definitions of key terms, number six, extreme financial
- 9 hardship. This section covers the use of project zip
- 10 code to determine extreme financial hardship and the
- 11 lower 25 percent grant match requirement. And we don't
- 12 very often see a comment like this.
- 13 The comment is, "We support the use of zip codes
- 14 to determine extreme financial hardship."
- So we determined that no response was required.
- The third comment refers to Section 18570,
- 17 funding authority in part -- funding authority
- 18 limitations on a given grant cycle may limit eligible
- 19 applicants to local public educational agencies.
- The comment was, "We recommend that the award of
- 21 grant funds be based solely on competitive selection
- 22 criteria for both local public agencies and public
- 23 educational agencies."
- 24 We responded that it was deemed appropriate to
- 25 notice this potential limitation in the section since the

- 1 source of the funds may restrict the eligibility of
- 2 applicants, as Martha has indicated, the two million
- 3 dollars for the first cycle of this program came from
- 4 Prop. 98 funds which are only available for the exclusive
- 5 use of the school.
- 6 And then the fourth comment, I'm aggregating two
- 7 items here which cover the same section, 18575, selection
- 8 process.
- 9 This section states that, "The number of
- 10 qualified grant applicants --" this, part of this one is
- 11 in the item, and part I'm reading from my notes which I
- 12 received last week.
- "If the number of qualified
- 14 grant applicant requests are greater
- than the funds available during the
- grant cycle, a random number
- 17 generated selection method may be
- implemented."
- 19 The comment is, "We recommend that funding be
- 20 allocated based on rank order per the competitive
- 21 selection criteria under Section 18574."
- Our response to this typically is as follows,
- 23 will be as follows or as directed by the Board.
- 24 Typically funding in the Playground Safety and
- 25 Recycling Act Grant Program would be allocated, as you

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- 1 recommend, based on rank order per the competitive
- 2 selection criteria established by the Board in Section
- 3 18574.
- 4 Section 18575 states, however, that in quotes "A
- 5 random number generated selection number may -- "
- 6 emphasis added "-- be implemented." To date, the only
- 7 instance where utilization of the selection method has
- 8 been required was in the first cycle of the Playground
- 9 Safety and Recycling Act Grant Program that was funded
- 10 from Proposition 98 funds and was open only to local
- 11 educational agencies.
- 12 There were many more passing applications in
- 13 this cycle than could be funded from available monies.
- 14 In order to provide a fair distribution of available
- 15 funds for this cycle, the random number generated
- 16 selection process was implemented.
- 17 That's all I have. Any questions? We have none
- 18 from the audience, I guess.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 20 Adams.
- 21 Any questions? Mr. Jones.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER JONES: I was going to ask for
- 23 thirty days, but I'll just go ahead and move adoption of
- 24 Resolution 2001-282, consideration of adoption of
- 25 proposed regulation for Playground Safety and Recycling

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1 Act Grant Program, and that we approve -- does it have to

- 2 go out for another fifteen days? No, this is the
- 3 approval.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: I second the motion.
- 5 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have a
- 6 resolution by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Medina to
- 7 approve Resolution 2001-282.
- 8 Please call the roll.
- 9 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Jones?
- 10 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 11 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Medina?
- 12 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 13 BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Paparian?
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY VILLA: Moulton-Patterson?
- 16 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye. Motion
- 17 approved.
- 18 Item number 31.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 20 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Jones.
- BOARD MEMBER JONES: Before we get out of tires,
- 22 I heard that one of our staff, legal staff performed last
- 23 night at Raley Field in a rendition of the Star Spangled
- 24 Banner that stopped the house and brought 'em down. So I
- 25 just thought before she leaves we oughta at least make,

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- 1 embarrass her.
- 2 (APPLAUSE.)
- 3 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: We didn't know
- 4 you had such talents, Ms. Williams, that's great. Thank
- 5 you.
- 6 Okay. Onto item 31.
- 7 MS. WILLD-WAGNER: Item 31. Once again, I'm
- 8 Shirley Willd-Wagner with the Special Waste Division.
- 9 Item 31 is the discussion of findings from a
- 10 contract the Board entered into to identify the target
- 11 audience for the used oil program. Some information
- 12 background for the Board.
- 13 Staff will use the results in the findings from
- 14 this contract to prepare our used oil allocation fund
- 15 item that will come to the Board, we do this annually in
- 16 the fall, and we will be bringing out that oil fund
- 17 allocation item in October.
- 18 We hope that these findings will assist the
- 19 Board in determining how to allocate used oil funds to
- 20 appropriately target our audience. And Don Peri of our
- 21 staff will introduce the item and our guest speaker
- 22 today.
- 23 MR. PERI: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Board
- 24 members. My name is Don Peri, and as Shirley said I'm
- 25 introducing item 31.

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1 The Board entered into an interagency agreement

- 2 with the Public Research Institute of San Francisco State
- 3 University to gather current information about the oil
- 4 disposal behavior of California residents who change
- 5 their own automotive oil.
- 6 This item presents a summary of the study's
- 7 findings. Data from the surveys and focus groups will
- 8 help the Board to:
- 9 One, better define and understand the target
- 10 audiences for outreach efforts.
- 11 And two, to design more effective outreach tools
- 12 and messages to encourage behavior change.
- 13 The surveys will also yield more accurate
- 14 estimates in the used oil recycling behavior of
- 15 California's do-it-yourselfers, and approve methodology
- 16 for obtaining such estimates.
- 17 I'd like to introduce Professor Rufus Browning
- 18 of the Public Research Institute, and he will present the
- 19 summary of findings.
- 20 PROFESSOR BROWNING: Madam Chair, members of the
- 21 Board, I'm pleased to have the opportunity to present
- 22 this first broad brush description of the findings from
- 23 the research we've been doing on DIYers and used oil
- 24 disposal in California.
- 25 I want to acknowledge and introduce my

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- 1 colleague, Holley Shafer, M.A., whose creativity and
- 2 intelligence and dedication and capacity for very late
- 3 night work with tables and data and graphs has been
- 4 absolutely essential to the completion of this project.
- We're here today to share information with you,
- 6 but we are also here to hear feedback from you, because
- 7 this is our first cut at the data, and we will be doing
- 8 additional analysis and we want that analysis to be
- 9 guided by your comments and questions.
- 10 So I certainly invite that, it's an important
- 11 part of the reason, the role of this hearing from our
- 12 point of view.
- Okay. We had several tasks. We were to
- 14 undertake a literature review and research design, and in
- 15 the process of doing the literature review we found out
- 16 that not enough was out there on DIYers, and the
- 17 estimation of used oil disposal.
- And so we, because we had been directed to focus
- 19 on Hispanics because in previous work they had been
- 20 labeled as a group that engaged in a higher rate of
- 21 improper disposal, we convened a group of researchers and
- 22 people from the program areas and Latino organizations to
- 23 advise us.
- We also held focus groups.
- 25 We conducted a large scale pilot survey in three

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- 1 counties with a sample size of about 1,200.
- 2 We recently conducted a statewide survey with a
- 3 sample size of 3,800, and we are now engaged in the
- 4 analysis.
- 5 In addition, I want to acknowledge the members
- 6 of the Latino Research Forum from the marketing sector,
- 7 from the academic sector, and from the program sector.
- 8 And the person who did the focus groups, the farm
- 9 worker's focus group conducted in Spanish, and
- 10 independent urban truckers focus group in English by
- 11 Professor Michelle St. Germain, CSU Long Beach.
- 12 The goals of the project were to estimate the
- 13 prevalence of DIY oil changing; to estimate the improper
- 14 disposal of used oil; to find out who the DIYers and
- 15 improper disposers are; to find out how to reach them,
- 16 through media and other possible channels; to address the
- 17 problem of underreporting improper disposal, severe
- 18 underreporting of improper disposal in surveys; to try to
- 19 improve the reporting of improper disposal; and to
- 20 examine the barriers and incentives for proper disposal.
- 21 The underreporting problem is very, very common
- 22 in surveys that deal with socially desirable and
- 23 undesirable behavior. Of course, almost all surveys do
- 24 deal with desirable or undesirable behavior. Voting is
- 25 five to ten percent overreported, drinking is grossly

- 1 underreported, and of course improper disposal of used
- 2 oil is grossly underreported. People don't like to tell
- 3 you the bad things they're doing, and they like to tell
- 4 you they're doing good things when they aren't.
- 5 Of course, there's an interesting twist to some
- 6 of this, the group that really overreports voting most
- 7 are the most educated, because they feel especially
- 8 guilty about not having voted and, therefore, a strong
- 9 incentive to report that they had.
- 10 We dealt with underreporting in several ways.
- 11 We dealt with the selection bias problem by trying to
- 12 increase survey participation of Latinos, using bilingual
- 13 interviewers at all times; conducting an extensive pilot
- 14 survey in largely Latino areas; and trying out different
- 15 methods of the interviewing on them.
- We also determined, as a result of our early
- 17 work, that we should sample equally from urban and rural
- 18 counties. Of course, most of the population in
- 19 California is urban, so why would we sample equally in
- 20 rural counties? We wanted to be able to make equally
- 21 valid conclusions about urban and rural counties, because
- 22 we know the rate of DIY and improper disposal is higher
- 23 in rural areas. So we build up our sample there, and
- 24 sampled equally from the two kinds of counties.
- 25 We also dealt with response bias, the bias that

- 1 occurs in the process of the respondent answering a
- 2 question and then not giving the correct answer, the
- 3 accurate answer.
- 4 We adopted a conversational mode of interviewing
- 5 with Latino respondents and retrained our interviewers,
- 6 because our Latino Research Forum and an experiment that
- 7 we conducted during the pilot survey showed that
- 8 reporting of improper disposal greatly increased among
- 9 Latino respondents when we interviewed in a distinctly
- 10 conversational mode. Not among other respondents, but
- 11 among Latino respondents.
- We primed respondents to talk freely about
- 13 improper disposal. We showed in another experiment that
- 14 if we asked people about their neighbors do-it-yourself
- 15 disposal practices first, they tended to report higher
- 16 levels of improper disposal themselves.
- 17 So we got them used to talking about it, first
- 18 hang it on somebody else, then you're more willing to
- 19 hang it on yourself. And then we used other methods too
- 20 in the interview process to try to overcome response
- 21 bias.
- Even so, we're sure that most people, well it's
- 23 hard to say most, but many people do not report improper
- 24 disposal given those methods, and so we probe the answers
- 25 that they did give us.

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- 1 We, if they said that they took used oil to a
- 2 collection center, we asked them where it was. Can you
- 3 name it? Can you tell us the street it's on? Many
- 4 didn't know. Did these people take the stuff to a
- 5 collection center? I think not.
- 6 We asked other questions as well. If they said
- 7 they took it to a collection center, we asked well, was
- 8 there anytime in the past year when you were not able to
- 9 take it to a collection center for this reason? For that
- 10 reason? For another reason?
- 11 Again, many people who said they had taken it
- 12 when asked the general question qualified their answer
- 13 and said, well, yeah, there have been some times when
- 14 they haven't been able to. And so we're kind of getting
- 15 at them from the back door and getting them to confess,
- 16 yeah, life is hard, you want to do it, but it's
- 17 inconvenient, and so on.
- So we have a variety of ways then of estimating
- 19 improper disposal which we hope are going to bring us
- 20 closer to the probable known levels from sales data of
- 21 improper disposal.
- Other facts of survey methodology; telephone
- 23 survey random digit dialing in June and July.
- We just completed interviewing, as you see,
- 25 about two weeks ago, sample size 3,800. Total, in that

- 1 total we have short interviews to determine oil changing
- 2 practices with 2,600, long interviews with 1,200 800
- 3 DIYers and 400 non-DIYers. Margins of error for these
- 4 three different samples was increased with the smaller
- 5 sample, about two percent, about three percent, about
- 6 three and a half percent for just the DIYers. These are
- 7 95 percent confidence intervals.
- 8 How many DIYers do we have in this state? Well
- 9 we estimate that 19 percent of the households have a
- 10 do-it-yourselfer who changes the oil in their own
- 11 vehicles.
- 12 70 percent, seven percent -- 77 percent of
- 13 households take their vehicles to a garage or shop.
- 14 Four percent take 'em to what's called shade
- 15 tree mechanics who are friends or acquaintances, who are
- 16 not part of the regulated oil changing business. And
- 17 this was a finding out of our Latino Research Forum, and
- 18 in the pilot survey. And in some communities shade tree
- 19 mechanics change a lot of oil.
- 20 How many DIYers translated into numbers of
- 21 households? Statewide we estimate 2.3 million households
- 22 have a DIYer who changes the oil. About half a million
- 23 use shade tree mechanics. About nine and a half take to
- 24 garage and shops, out of the 12.3 million households in
- 25 April, 2001, according to the Department of Finance.

- 1 Well, who are the DIYers? Let's look at a
- 2 couple of demographic characteristics.
- 3 Are the DIYers different than the non-DIYers
- 4 with respect to income? The light blue are the non-
- 5 DIYers, the dark blue are the DIYers.
- 6 Well, these distributions are not terribly
- 7 similar. I think the one message at this table is that
- 8 the, there are DIYers and non-DIYers at all income
- 9 levels.
- 10 However, at the highest household level,
- 11 household income of about a hundred thousand or more, you
- 12 can see that in that group non-DIYers are more than twice
- 13 as likely to be at that income level.
- 14 Conversely, DIYers are somewhat more plentiful
- 15 at the lower or middle income levels, 15,000 to 70,000.
- 16 So a little difference.
- 17 The educational distribution is almost
- 18 identical. More non-DIYers at the graduate school level,
- 19 but still quite a few DIYers, and very similar
- 20 distribution.
- 21 With respect to age, there's a larger
- 22 difference, although again both non-DIYers and DIYers are
- 23 found at all age levels. But DIYers are more likely to
- 24 be young, and non-DIYers more likely to be 65 or older,
- 25 some difference there.

- 1 With respect to language, 75 percent of the
- 2 DIYers in the state we estimate are English only
- 3 speakers. 23 percent are Spanish or bilingual Spanish
- 4 and English. Two percent estimated from our sample are
- 5 Chinese or bilingual English, however that's almost
- 6 certainly, I think I can say it is certainly an
- 7 underestimate, the project did not call for, was not
- 8 budgeted for, and did not carry out Chinese language
- 9 interviewing, so we certainly missed some Chinese
- 10 language only speakers. And so we just cannot adequately
- 11 speak to them, and there would be more of them here if we
- 12 had been able to interview in Chinese.
- Now, using our various methods of questioning,
- 14 we've presented here five different estimates of improper
- 15 disposal. You can see that dark blue section which is
- 16 the estimated improper disposal increasing steadily from
- 17 the top of the graph to the bottom of the graph, these
- 18 are cumulative measures that is every measure below the
- 19 first, includes the first and so on.
- 20 And the first one is that, admitted grossly
- 21 improper disposal. Put it down the drain, put it in the
- 22 trash, buried it, just let it go out on the ground. Not
- 23 many people admitted to that, only about eight percent.
- 24 If you can't name a collection center and you add that in
- 25 there, it goes up to almost 20 percent and so on.

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- 1 Finally, when we get up to those who say well,
- 2 who insist that they dispose properly but that they
- 3 report their neighbors were improper disposers, we get up
- 4 to 37.4 percent.
- 5 I think the actual rate of improper disposal is
- 6 higher than that, I'm confident of that, so very likely
- 7 even our highest estimate is still low. But this was a
- 8 way of trying to attack in an indirect way the problem of
- 9 the very severe underreporting that occurs.
- 10 If we examine improper disposal by group, by
- 11 ethno-racial group in this case, this is what we find.
- 12 The light blue are the percent estimated improper
- disposal from the survey, the dark blue are the percent
- 14 of state population eighteen and older from the U.S.
- 15 census. I can't say that the U.S. census is an estimate,
- 16 just as ours is an estimate, we know that these early
- 17 U.S. census figures, they're not all that accurate either
- 18 to tell you the truth.
- 19 But at any rate, these distributions are not
- 20 very different. That is, the distribution of improper
- 21 disposers by ethno-racial group is not very different
- 22 than the distribution of the population. And this
- 23 suggests that the, that improper disposal is not
- 24 concentrated in particular groups.
- Now, you see that some of the bars are a bit

- 1 different. African American, twelve percent estimated
- 2 from the survey improper disposal; but these are fairly
- 3 small numbers now when you're talking about that group,
- 4 and so we cannot really take any one of these groups and
- 5 say, oh, gee, that looks like a difference, and we should
- 6 conclude that it is a difference that some group is
- 7 either over or underrepresented with respect to improper
- 8 disposal. Overall the difference is not statistically
- 9 significant.
- 10 If we examine improper disposal rates as
- 11 reported by what we're regarding here as our base measure
- 12 for the rest of the presentation, that is the combination
- 13 of admitted gross disposal and improper disposal and
- 14 can't name a center that they say they took it to, we see
- 15 that the rate of reported improper disposal is quite
- 16 different in urban and less urban and rural counties.
- Now this isn't necessarily a report of character
- 18 defects of people who live in rural counties, they may be
- 19 facing very different conditions for the collection and
- 20 disposal of their used oil.
- Other disposal findings. Six percent of DIYers
- 22 said they've been turned away from a collection center in
- 23 the past year, almost 140,000 people. That's not, that's
- 24 not a good learning experience. We don't want people who
- 25 are being turned away and then thinking, geez, this is

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- 1 just too much trouble, I can't make all these trips
- 2 carrying oil in my trunk and I'm not going to bother next
- 3 time.
- 4 Farm workers focus group reported often being
- 5 turned away, and never being offered payment for used
- 6 oil.
- 7 And a quarter of the DIYers say it is
- 8 inconvenient to take used oil to a collection center in
- 9 their area. We have a lot more findings in this as we
- 10 plow into the data.
- 11 In terms of awareness and incentive, we find
- 12 that half of the DIYers say they do have and do not have
- 13 specific information about the environmental impact of
- 14 used oil. Maybe they have enough information to know
- 15 that they shouldn't tell a surveyor about it, but they
- 16 say they don't have specific information.
- 17 80 percent say they would recycle if paid, but
- 18 again, the farm workers say they've never been paid.
- 19 How can you reach DIYers? Well, if you compare
- 20 DIYers to improper disposers, which is what this graph
- 21 does, it both shows the distribution for each group of
- 22 different T.V. programming that they watch, but also
- 23 shows the differences between the groups.
- These are not huge differences. That is it's
- 25 not as if you can go to a certain media channel and say,

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- 1 okay, I'm going to get all the DIYers here, or all the
- 2 improper disposers here. They all watch some of most
- 3 things, and most people watch news, and if there is a
- 4 difference in improper disposers, they're more likely to
- 5 watch movies, but that's not -- most people like news,
- 6 educational public T.V. and movies perhaps.
- 7 The time of day people listen to radio or watch
- 8 T.V. Morning radio and evening T.V. are the highest.
- 9 Greatest frequency of both proper and improper disposers,
- 10 again not much difference between them.
- 11 In terms of radio programming, news higher, but
- 12 improper disposers are more likely than proper disposers
- 13 to watch, to listen to hip hop and country; but these
- 14 aren't huge differences, and again there's no magic way
- 15 to reach them, the improper disposers.
- 16 Where can you reach DIYers in terms of
- 17 activities that people engage in? I'm sorry, it's the
- 18 same message pretty much. Improper and proper disposers
- 19 are not much different in the kinds of things they do,
- 20 although there is a little difference overall in the rate
- 21 of activity.
- 22 Improper disposers tend to report fewer
- 23 activities overall than proper disposers, it's not going
- 24 to help us reach them unfortunately.
- 25 37 percent of DIYers go to movie theaters at

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- 1 least once a month. Almost half read a newspaper every
- 2 day, 73 percent at least weekly. 90 percent of those who
- 3 read a newspaper do so in English.
- 4 And, but the farm workers focus group we have a
- 5 very different picture. They said, "Don't do it in the
- 6 media, the media have a credibility problem with us, we
- 7 don't trust them, send somebody out to talk to the
- 8 community, you'll get a different picture."
- 9 If I can summarize the highlights of these
- 10 findings. The DIYers statewide, that should be 19
- 11 percent, I apologize, not 20 percent, about 19 percent,
- 12 this is down from previous years. We've had a boom time,
- 13 probably decreased during that period. It may go up
- 14 again if things turn sour.
- DIYers are somewhat younger, slightly less
- 16 education and income overall. The differences are not
- 17 great, slightly DIY rates between whites and Asian
- 18 Pacific islanders on the one hand, and Hispanics and
- 19 African Americans on the other, but not very not earth
- 20 shaking.
- 21 Estimated improper disposers statewide. At
- 22 least 20 percent of DIYers, more likely 37 percent, I
- 23 think more than that. I think that's probably
- 24 understated I should say.
- 25 And again, the improper disposers are not much

- 1 different than the proper disposers. There's no evidence
- 2 from this survey to support the conclusion that Hispanics
- 3 disposed of used oil improperly, more than any other
- 4 group. I know that's been a focus, and indeed the
- 5 Board's allocations and programming effort targeting
- 6 Hispanics may have been effective in reducing improper
- 7 disposal.
- 8 Do ethno-racial groups in general dispose of
- 9 used oil improperly at different rates? Again, no
- 10 convincing evidence from the survey to support that
- 11 conclusion.
- 12 Has the problem of underreporting been solved?
- 13 Well we tried hard, and we got a little closer I think to
- 14 making more accurate estimates, but it's, there's still a
- 15 problem there, and I think you can count on improper
- 16 disposal always being underreported in surveys.
- 17 Finally, in the summary of findings, many
- 18 barriers and unimplemented incentives remain in the
- 19 system of used oil collection. That's, I think, a
- 20 problem.
- 21 If I could make a program recommendation out of
- 22 the data, and here let me qualify by saying this is only
- 23 out of the data and it's only just throwing some things
- 24 out to get some discussion, get your attention and see
- 25 what feedback we get from you.

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- 1 And this doesn't take in, I'm not an expert on
- 2 used oil data, and I think the data should not imply, not
- 3 target any single ethnic or racial group for outreach or
- 4 education over other groups.
- 5 However, there may be some subgroups, Spanish
- 6 speakers, some of our data shows, which we weren't able
- 7 to get in the presentation, Spanish speakers may be
- 8 different than other Hispanics and other groups, and
- 9 maybe higher DIY and higher improper disposal rates.
- 10 And the focus group suggested that people have
- 11 different beliefs when they immigrate, if they're recent
- 12 immigrants, than people who have been here longer and
- 13 haven't been exposed to the Board's and other
- 14 environmental education, and so they have different
- 15 practices.
- So our final analysis -- our finer analysis,
- 17 which we'll be getting to in the next days and weeks,
- 18 should help us to pinpoint that finding.
- 19 Second program recommendation. Oops, this is
- 20 not, there it comes. We saw enough evidence in the
- 21 surveys to -- there are defects in the real availability
- 22 of collection centers to people who have used oil to
- 23 dispose. There are defects, and this is preventing
- 24 significant numbers of people and probably teaching
- 25 people that it's not worth going. So I think that this

- 1 is something the Board might want to address.
- 2 There are no magic media channels to improper
- 3 disposers, as I said earlier. You just should try the
- 4 methods of DIYers generally.
- 5 And finally, the Board should consider
- 6 approaches to shade tree mechanics, how they might be
- 7 encouraged into the system of used oil collection.
- 8 In terms of research, I would suggest that the
- 9 Board consider research into the collection and disposal
- 10 process, maybe especially in rural areas; the way in
- 11 which shade tree mechanics are integrated or possibly not
- 12 integrated into the system; and perhaps in communities,
- 13 geographically clustered groups that might have really
- 14 distinctive practices in oil disposal.
- Some informants said to us, in our community
- 16 everyone changes their own oil and almost everyone runs
- 17 it out onto the ground or buries it in a corner. But we
- 18 don't know that and you can't tell it really from a
- 19 survey, you'd have to have a different community-oriented
- 20 kind of approach.
- 21 A second recommendation might be that, well, to
- 22 research into the barriers at some collection centers,
- 23 perhaps in the same way that housing discrimination has
- 24 been studied. Study how people are actually treated when
- 25 they come in with a gallon or two of oil at a busy time

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- 1 and see what happens. Testers they call it.
- 2 And finally, to understand the meaning of these
- 3 data fully would require a deeper analysis than we're
- 4 going to be able to conduct. We are going to be able to
- 5 do some things in the next several weeks, but multi
- 6 varied analysis often corrects preliminary simple
- 7 interpretations of data, and the limits of this project
- 8 we're working on now are quite constrained in those
- 9 terms.
- 10 I'd be happy to answer questions.
- 11 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thanks very
- 12 much, Mr. Browning, for the very good work for us.
- 13 And I'll open it up to discussions of the Board
- 14 members at this time.
- Mr. Medina.
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: I just wanted to attest,
- 17 as one of Professor Browning's former students at San
- 18 Francisco State College in the urban studies program, I
- 19 just want to attest to the thoroughness.
- 20 PROFESSOR BROWNING: I remember giving you an A,
- 21 Jose.
- BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: So welcome.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. Mr.
- 24 Paparian.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: A couple of questions.

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- 1 When you looked at the, I don't remember which slide it
- 2 was, but the sports related questions, did you look at
- 3 the types of sport? If we were looking, for example, at
- 4 advertising in various types of sporting venues, do any
- 5 stand out?
- 6 MS. SHAFER: Do we have races? Race car
- 7 driving, attending races? In terms of spectator sports,
- 8 race car driving. And actually a lot of people --
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Maybe you could come to
- 10 the microphone and state your name.
- MS. SHAFER: We got a lot of people saying that
- 12 they watched race car driving. And also people are very
- 13 involved with their families, and a lot of them said they
- 14 coached youth sports or were involved in their kids
- 15 sports programs.
- 16 PROFESSOR BROWNING: So I guess the short
- 17 general answer is yes, we do have data on the particular
- 18 sports and whether it was a spectator sport or whether it
- 19 was an organized activity where families or individuals
- 20 were participating themselves.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. But what's kind
- 22 of jumped to mind was the car racing type sports as well
- 23 as sports you might take your kids to, soccer, Little
- 24 League, that kind of stuff.
- MS. SHAFER: Yes, yes, we have specifics, we

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- 1 haven't analyzed them yet, but --
- 2 PROFESSOR BROWNING: Yeah, we haven't fully
- 3 analyzed them yet. We've actually had clean data for
- 4 only a week ourselves, so this is a first cut, as I said.
- 5 And we'll get into that, I think that's relevant
- 6 information for sure to direct media and to direct
- 7 outreach programs.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yeah. And then
- 9 similarly with the other types of activities people
- 10 engage in, you know, reading newspapers or whatever,
- 11 some, some, if there was any information there that might
- 12 be instructive to us in terms of what venues we might use
- 13 for outreach.
- 14 PROFESSOR BROWNING: Well we did not try to ask
- 15 about particular newspapers or particular radio stations
- or television stations because with the statewide survey
- 17 we don't have enough people in most of the media markets
- 18 to make that worthwhile.
- 19 However, we know where they are, so, you know,
- 20 where the population of the state is, that's pretty much
- 21 where the DIYers is, but a little higher percentage in
- 22 the rural areas. So you'd be able to approach it that
- 23 way.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. I was a little
- 25 bit unclear, have you done the focus groups yet or you

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- 1 haven't done them?
- 2 PROFESSOR BROWNING: We did two focus groups.
- 3 They were done, as I say, by Professor Michelle St.
- 4 Germain at CSU Long Beach.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: And was there one more
- 6 to go then on the focus groups?
- 7 PROFESSOR BROWNING: I beg your pardon?
- 8 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Were there three?
- 9 PROFESSOR BROWNING: There were to be three,
- 10 that's right. The third one was to be with farm managers
- 11 or owners. And it proved to be very, very difficult to
- 12 convene the independent truckers focus group, they're so
- 13 independent I suppose.
- 14 And at that point we decided to hold off on
- deciding how to approach the farm owners and managers in
- 16 consultation with the staff here at the Board, and I'd
- 17 be, whether to do a survey of them instead of a focus
- 18 group. And I believe that we decided not to do either
- 19 and that the money will not be spent.
- 20 Staff can speak to that more authoritatively
- 21 than I can.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Just real briefly. Thank
- 23 you. This was a very good presentation, and I'm hoping
- 24 that we can look at some of these numbers about those
- 25 that have admitted they were breaking the law, and those

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- 1 that didn't know what the address was to get some kind of
- 2 an idea.
- 3 But when we talk about the defects of the
- 4 collection site, you know, when you say that, you know,
- 5 like the farm working community says they never get paid
- 6 for it. Do we know if in those farm working communities
- 7 were actually certified oil recycling centers?
- 8 Because there's two issues, you know. You have
- 9 a certified oil center that will pay 16 cents a gallon,
- 10 then you have a lot of other oil centers that don't want
- 11 to hassle with this bureaucracy, so while they will
- 12 collect it they won't pay for it. And there's a lot of
- 13 those around.
- 14 PROFESSOR BROWNING: The non-certified centers.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Right.
- 16 PROFESSOR BROWNING: Yeah.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Did that enter in at all?
- 18 PROFESSOR BROWNING: That's a very interesting
- 19 idea, and I think worth exploring to see whether we can
- 20 pinpoint whether the comment of not getting paid is in
- 21 any way geographically related to the location of
- 22 certified centers or the lack of certified centers in a
- 23 given area.
- 24 I'm not sure that we'd be able to do that with
- 25 the number of people that we have --

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- 1 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Sure.
- 2 PROFESSOR BROWNING: -- and given the locality,
- 3 but we can look into it. And I thank you for that
- 4 suggestion.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Right. And I do appreciate
- 6 the data because I've run both certified and actually
- 7 de-certified some centers because of the hoops, it wasn't
- 8 worth it. We took in more oil as an uncertified center
- 9 than we did as a certified center in rural California.
- 10 But it was just, it was just the mechanics of having to
- 11 deal with, you know, who we were dealing with and it was
- 12 easy.
- But it is part of the, you know, it's part of
- 14 the mix, and we ought to, you know, be at least thinking
- 15 about it a little bit. I don't think there's a whole lot
- 16 of impact, but it might have something to do with the
- 17 defects in the system.
- 18 PROFESSOR BROWNING: Thank you for the comment.
- 19 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: And again --
- 20 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I'm sorry, a couple more
- 21 quickly.
- 22 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: In your survey did you
- 24 look at all at people's willingness to use rerefined oil?
- 25 PROFESSOR BROWNING: Let's see. We asked in the

- 1 focus group, and the focus group of farm workers, now
- 2 these are all Spanish speaking farm workers; they were
- 3 very suspicious of rerefined oil, and they used the word
- 4 komato, oil that's been used up as komato, burned up; not
- 5 losato, losato is used, but this is really burned up.
- 6 So there, I think, my impression is from the
- 7 focus group that there's a belief that used oil is really
- 8 dead oil and you can forget about it. Now if that belief
- 9 is common in that particular group or in other groups of
- 10 the population, which I would guess it probably is, then
- 11 that's an important educational thing that might
- 12 interfere with the marketing of rerefined oil.
- 13 Holley, was there anything in the survey
- 14 about -- there was nothing in the survey about people's
- 15 attitudes toward rerefined oil, and it wasn't part of the
- 16 contract but it came up in the focus group.
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: And I guess this may be
- 18 for our staff. In terms of where we go from here with
- 19 this, are we going to be developing some sort of PR plan
- 20 or outreach proposals based on the results here?
- MS. WILLD-WAGNER: Yes, Mr. Paparian, that is
- 22 one of the reasons that we have waited to bring forward
- 23 the used oil allocation program and a plan for the year.
- 24 We will bring forward a funding proposal for next year
- 25 that will be based on some of the recommendations and the

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- 1 findings.
- 2 We will have a final report, as Dr. Browning
- 3 said, this is the first cut of the data, and we will have
- 4 his final report and then bring the oil allocation item.
- 5 Now, the oil allocation item will not be a
- 6 comprehensive public outreach plan, but it will, it will
- 7 hopefully get your feedback on which directions you would
- 8 like us to then pursue.
- 9 And perhaps one of the options is that we
- 10 actually do a more in-depth comparison between this
- 11 survey results and the last survey results, have our
- 12 efforts made the differences that were noted here in the
- 13 data. And also if there's further research that should
- 14 be done in this direction, we should address it at the
- 15 time in October when we bring the oil allocation item.
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: When that item comes
- 17 will, maybe Dr. Browning's work, I'm not sure, will we
- 18 get something that says, well based on these results, you
- 19 know, it's recommended that we pursue, you know, A, B,
- 20 and C, you know, newspapers, race tracks, and soccer
- 21 fields or whatever it might be?
- MS. WILLD-WAGNER: Yes.
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay.
- 24 MS. WILLD-WAGNER: In fact, we'll probably use
- 25 this information and findings for the next several years

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- 1 directing and making -- well, and hopefully it will allow
- 2 the Board to make those decisions on which ways to
- 3 allocate the funds.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. Thank you.
- 5 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: And again, Dr.
- 6 Browning, thank you very much. Please give, send my
- 7 hello to Professor St. Germain, I got my Masters under
- 8 her program.
- 9 PROFESSOR BROWNING: I certainly will.
- 10 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Small world,
- 11 isn't it?
- 12 PROFESSOR BROWNING: Thank you.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 14 much. Okay. We'll go on to item 32, discussion of new
- 15 features and future directions for California waste
- 16 stream profiles. Presentation, Mr. Sitts.
- 17 MR. SITTS: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and
- 18 Board members. What we're going to do is have a real
- 19 quick tour through the new features and waste stream
- 20 profiles.
- 21 We've, while I'm presenting, in the interest of
- 22 time, I want to thank Darryl Petker who did the lion's
- 23 share of the work on this, as well as Doug Ralston, Chris
- 24 Allen, and Steve Barnett from the information management
- 25 branch, who really built the profiles. And without them

- 1 we wouldn't have them, they've done a lot of hard work to
- 2 get us where we are now.
- 3 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 4 much.
- 5 MR. SITTS: Okay. What we'll do here is do a
- 6 little tour through profiles. I kind of got a hypertour
- 7 that is in -- it's not working right now. Okay. The
- 8 first -- okay, I'm going to present over on the table.
- 9 Sorry about the technical difficulties here. Okay.
- 10 In April we, at the Board meeting we said that
- 11 there were some things identified in relation to
- 12 environmental justice that we could do in the next 120
- 13 days. Because this Board meeting is early in the month,
- 14 we actually got some of those things done within about
- 15 115 days.
- The first one is tribal lands -- and I've got no
- 17 mouse response. Okay. Well that's going to be a little
- 18 difficult. I'm trying to get the mouse to work. I'm
- 19 trying to give you a tour of our website. Thank you.
- 20 And we, there we go. In our website, now we
- 21 have tribal lands shown, so that in jurisdiction
- 22 profiles, and in this example San Diego County, you can
- 23 select, instead of the jurisdiction of San Diego, you can
- 24 select tribal lands. And when you hit redraw the layers,
- 25 it shows all the tribal lands in San Diego County.

- 1 If you click identify and pick one of those, it
- 2 will show the name of the area Los Coyotes Reservation in
- 3 in this case, the tribe, and the tribe affiliation. And
- 4 that's all from information from the Department of
- 5 Housing and Community Development.
- 6 The next thing that we say we could bring
- 7 forward was census tract demographics based on the 1990
- 8 census. In this case you can pick, instead of
- 9 Sacramento, you can pick view the demographic information
- 10 from the 1990 census.
- 11 And the stuff I'm clicking through you can go to
- 12 the website and go through yourself, because it's all
- 13 live and functional and really nice.
- 14 So here you can see the different census tracts.
- 15 And if we put in landfills you can see, this is the
- 16 census tract in Sacramento. Again, if you click
- 17 identify, you can see that that's Sacramento County
- 18 landfill at Kiefer, and then the demographic information
- 19 from the 1990 census such as race, Hispanic, origin,
- 20 housing, income, that type of thing.
- 21 And I'm going through this fast so feel free to
- 22 stop me. One thing I did want to cover real quickly was
- 23 using census tract demographics can be kind of tricky.
- 24 Depending on where the facility is located and the type
- of impacts you're looking at, it's not always

- 1 predictable, uniform, or related only to distance from a
- 2 site as far as potential impacts go.
- 3 In this example different residents in different
- 4 tracts could be affected depending on the media and the
- 5 potential impacts that you consider.
- 6 So if the facility is here, impacts could be in
- 7 different tracts just besides the one that the facility
- 8 is located in.
- 9 And tract residents aren't the only people who
- 10 could be affected by things; such as school kids coming
- 11 from tract H or employees coming from tract G. So it's
- 12 not always as simple as just saying, oh, now that we've
- 13 got the census tract and the facility we can have all the
- 14 answers.
- The last thing that we talked about was
- 16 enhancing not only the information that we put out, but
- 17 enhancing people's ability to get information and supply
- 18 input to us, and to other people involved in decisions
- 19 related to solid waste.
- 20 And so in jurisdiction profiles, the contacts
- 21 tab which had been a placeholder until now, is now a much
- 22 more useful area. So that on the left side you can see
- 23 local contacts like the EA, enforcement agency, and the
- 24 annual reporting contact; and on the right side you can
- 25 see Board contacts, so that if someone out in the

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1 community has some question, they can know who to get in

- 2 touch with, including e-mail addresses and everything
- 3 else.
- 4 Another feature that we recently added was
- 5 recycling market development zone loans and businesses.
- 6 And so you can go on and see that one real quick as well.
- 7 Here is the City of San Jose. If instead we
- 8 want to look at loans, businesses and the RMDZ itself,
- 9 you can go in and redraw the layers, and there is the
- 10 RMDZ. The little green dots are loans, and the little
- 11 brown ones are other businesses. Again, if you hit
- 12 identify, you can get the information on what that loan
- 13 was and that it's the San Jose recycling market
- 14 development zone.
- We also added school sites and school districts
- 16 and -- oh, well, on the RMDZs I really wanted to thank
- 17 Raffy K and Corky Mau and their student for doing a lot
- 18 of data entry and a lot of checking of that data.
- 19 On all of these we had so much help from all the
- 20 other divisions and offices, I don't want to forget
- 21 anybody but I'm trying to be fast.
- The school sites and districts we added to
- 23 jurisdiction profiles. So that in this example we've got
- 24 Colusa County, again instead of looking at the county
- 25 let's look at transfer stations, school districts and

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- 1 schools, and hit redraw. And the little black lines are
- 2 the school districts, the red dots are the schools, and
- 3 that little green dot there is the transfer station.
- 4 So, again with the identifier you can see, well
- 5 gee, those two look close together, let's see what
- 6 facilities they are. And you can see that it's the
- 7 Maxwell Transfer Station and Maxwell High as well as the
- 8 continuation school in the Maxwell Unified School
- 9 District.
- 10 There are also now school profiles. And in all
- 11 the profiles we have different tabs that have different
- 12 types of information. This whole area I, we have to
- 13 thank Marshalle Graham from the Office of Local
- 14 Assistance. She's been working with Clint Whitney on the
- 15 school diversion project, Barstow Unified is actually one
- of the school districts that have been participating and
- 17 have been very good participants with that. And they've
- 18 really helped, as well as Tricia Broderick's group,
- 19 Joanne Vorhies and Rebecca Williams, in particular.
- 20 So in this school district profile you've got
- 21 some overview. You can also go to the Barstow profile at
- 22 the Department of Education and see other information.
- There's a lot of information that the Department
- 24 of Education keeps that we don't really want to keep
- 25 because that's not our primary business. But this

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- 1 profile can act as a hub to get you to that other
- 2 information.
- 3 The next tab that we're going to look at is the
- 4 assistance tab, in this case for the Redwood City
- 5 Elementary School District. And you can see that they've
- 6 gotten grants from the Board for playground safety and
- 7 recycling, and they've also been involved in the teacher
- 8 training and curriculum program with closing the loop and
- 9 municipal solid waste.
- 10 And you can, again, get more information about
- 11 curricula training, or go see Jiminey Cricket at the
- 12 environmentality winners tab there.
- On the diversion tab, it's kind of a misnomer
- 14 right now because it's just disposal information, but
- 15 we're adding diversion information to it as well as soon
- 16 as we get the diversion survey data in a place that we
- 17 can get it.
- 18 This gives you an estimate of kind of the
- 19 typical waste stream for a school, and it's for the Los
- 20 Angeles Unified School District.
- 21 It's more to point you in different areas of
- 22 different materials that they could have in significant
- 23 amounts. It's based on about a hundred schools that were
- 24 surveyed as part of a characterization project, so it's
- 25 not saying that school has exactly, or that district has

- 1 exactly 2.6 tons of corrugated cardboard, but it's
- 2 probably, well it would probably be worth looking at
- 3 cardboard there since you've got a pretty good amount.
- 4 And again the school profiles are up and running.
- 5 Under the contacts tab you can see district
- 6 contact, County Office of Education contact, and also you
- 7 can link to the Office of Education in that county. And
- 8 also the Board contacts within the Waste Management
- 9 Board, as well as our partners in environmental
- 10 education, and other public agency education sites.
- 11 The schools tab is the last in the school
- 12 profiles, and it just lists the schools and the
- 13 enrollment, and then you can get a little more
- 14 information in a map there.
- The next thing I'm just going to cover pretty
- 16 quickly, and there is a handout although it's labeled
- 17 agenda item 31 instead of agenda item 32, and you can
- 18 blame the assistant director for that, I prepared that
- 19 table; it shows the concept for active and permitted
- 20 landfills which we've been working on, which Darryl
- 21 Petker has been leading.
- 22 And we've talked to a lot of people both
- 23 internally, over forty staff throughout the Board, a
- 24 whole lot of P and E folks, as well as a couple of
- 25 environmental groups, a couple of industry reps,

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- 1 consultants, local government reps, and a pretty good
- 2 set; and next week we're going to, and we've already
- 3 talked to about eight LEAs; and next week Darryl is going
- 4 to be presenting at the LEA conference this concept, and
- 5 we're trying to get input on that.
- 6 So basically over the next pages then you can,
- 7 there are like twenty copies in the back as well. You
- 8 can see different information. And what we're trying to
- 9 do is also explore other things that we could do that are
- 10 a little different for profiles.
- 11 In this example you could click and view a copy
- 12 of a solid waste facilities permit. Again, more
- 13 information, different operations information now, and
- 14 perhaps being able to click and see the wasteshed for
- 15 this landfill.
- 16 Another would be perhaps looking at more
- 17 graphics, and viewing trend for disposal and alternative
- 18 daily cover use would be another approach.
- 19 There's also closure and financial information,
- 20 a map tab which is pretty similar to the maps we've seen.
- 21 And the good news is we're upgrading the software that
- 22 we're using for the mapping features, and so the maps
- 23 should be bigger, better, faster in the future.
- Another option would be perhaps an aerial
- 25 photograph of the facility. So we're exploring all of

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- 1 these things. Some of these things will take a little
- 2 more work than others.
- 3 Finally the contact tab, you've seen a contact
- 4 tab in schools and in local government, this would be a
- 5 similar one for facilities.
- And with that, that's it.
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 We are happy to take comments from any and all.
- 9 On the landfill profiles, as I said, we're in the process
- 10 of developing those, those are still conceptual drafts,
- 11 so there's a lot of leeway on where we go with those.
- 12 There's different options for different parts, and we're
- 13 just trying to get as much feedback as we can.
- And that is my presentation and I'd be happy to
- 15 field any questions.
- 16 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you so
- 17 much. It's just excellent. And we appreciate, John, all
- 18 of your work, and Darryl, and all of the people, and
- 19 Trish and everybody that helped with this. This is just
- 20 going to be a tremendous, of tremendous benefit for our
- 21 staff, for us, and for the public. And we really
- 22 appreciate all your work.
- 23 Any comments? We look forward to seeing more of
- 24 it. Thank you.
- MR. SITTS: Thank you.

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- 1 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: At this time
- 2 we're going to go to our last item, discussion of pending
- 3 legislation, an oral report by Ms. Mortensen.
- 4 MS. MORTENSEN: I'm Caroll Mortensen from the
- 5 Legislative Affairs Office, and I was going to provide a
- 6 brief update of the legislation that our office is
- 7 following.
- 8 And as you know, the legislature has been in
- 9 recess since last time I updated you at our July Board
- 10 meeting, so I thought I would give you an update of the
- 11 bills we know, what are called two year bills or bills
- 12 that are not likely to move this session; and also give
- 13 you an update on the bills that are moving and are likely
- 14 to be signed into law this session, and let you know
- 15 where those are in the process.
- 16 First let me cover the two year bills. The
- 17 first one that I wanted to tell you about was Senate Bill
- 18 243 by Senator Kuehl dealing with radioactive waste in
- 19 landfills. The bill had spot language in it dealing with
- 20 the issue. And we also have information now that
- 21 Assemblymember Keeley may be interested in this issue,
- 22 but we're not likely to see anything else happen on this
- 23 bill this year, but we'll probably be hearing about it
- 24 next year.
- 25 Senate Bill 648 authored by Sher dealing with

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- 1 state agency procurement. This requires, as it's written
- 2 now, requires us to work with the Department of General
- 3 Services on updating the lists of recycled materials
- 4 available to state agencies. The language is somewhat
- 5 spot now, but we think this will definitely help us out
- 6 next year in getting procurement numbers up to state
- 7 agencies.
- 8 Senate Bill 1069 authored by Senator Chesbro is
- 9 a big plastics bill. And the way it's written now in
- 10 somewhat spot language is an advanced disposal fee for
- 11 all plastics. So we'll definitely be working hard on
- 12 that issue next year, I'm sure.
- 13 Assembly Bill 400 authored by Simitian dealing
- 14 with rubberized asphalt. Again, spot language at this
- 15 point, but hopefully we'll be able to work with the
- 16 author and Caltrans to get a lot more rubberized asphalt
- 17 use with that bill.
- AB 709 authored by Wayne dealing with San Diego
- 19 burn dumps. Our staff as well as staff from the DTSC and
- 20 the Water Board have been working on the burn dump issue,
- 21 and Assemblymember Wayne is also very much more
- 22 interested in it, and we're likely to have a much more
- 23 fleshed out version of this bill next year.
- 24 AB 751 authored by Jackson is a mercury
- 25 containing lamps or fluorescent lamp bill as it's written

- 1 now, but it may deal with other universal wastes such as
- 2 batteries next year when it gets taken up again.
- 3 And the last two year bill that we've been
- 4 following is AB 1400, Cogdill, dealing with the Yosemite
- 5 compost facility, the pilot facility. And that's been
- 6 shelved for the remainder of this year, but we'll
- 7 probably see something on it next year.
- 8 Now the bills that are still moving. The top
- 9 priority for our office right now, and I'm sure with the
- 10 Board members, is Senate Bill 373 offered by Torlakson,
- 11 the school recycling bill.
- 12 It attempts to get schools to divert more waste,
- 13 and we want to add some work with the author to do some
- 14 work on standards and frameworks regarding environmental
- 15 education and to get the costs down on that bill. We're
- 16 continuing meetings with the author's office, and we
- 17 actually have one scheduled later on this week to deal
- 18 with that bill.
- 19 AB 1187, the Board sponsored bill that
- 20 Assemblymember Simitian is carrying for us -- oh, I'm
- 21 sorry, on 373 it's passed both the Assembly Natural
- 22 Resources and Education Committees, and it passed through
- 23 the Senate obviously with no problem, and it's now
- 24 referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, but no
- 25 date has been set for the hearing on that yet. I'm

- 1 sorry.
- Okay. I'd like to go back to 1187, that's our
- 3 bill. The latest amendment that we got in was dealing
- 4 with the household hazardous waste and our spending
- 5 authority to get that increased to five million if the
- 6 funds are available, and that is moving along and is in
- 7 Senate Appropriations as well.
- 8 And the next two bills are, deal with some of
- 9 the regulation packages we heard during this month's
- 10 Board meeting. The first one is SB 88, Costa, dealing
- 11 with our authority over nuisance orders at compost
- 12 facilities.
- 13 As it's written right now, the regulations that
- 14 the Board considered this morning would need to be
- adopted by April of 2003 for us to keep our authority
- over nuisance odors and those, at those facilities.
- 17 And AB 173 authored by Chavez dealing with inert
- 18 waste, that also requires us to do regulations dealing
- 19 with the proper level of oversight and fees on inert
- 20 wastes.
- 21 And the last bill -- actually I have two more.
- 22 SB 1127, Karnette, deals with, it's written right now
- 23 dealing with polystyrene or Styrofoam. And we're working
- 24 with our staff and the office staff to incorporate that
- 25 into our existing RPPC white paper. And this bill is at

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1 the Assembly third reading file, so it's pretty close to

- 2 going.
- 3 And the last, actually it's two bills, it's kind
- 4 of a set, it's AB 560 authored by Jackson, and AB 1201
- 5 offered by Pavley, they're both non-point source
- 6 pollution bills that in their current form would give the
- 7 Board the option of considering non-point source
- 8 pollution projects as they deal with used oil as grant
- 9 projects. So those are both in Senate Appropriations
- 10 Committee.
- 11 And that concludes my update, but I'll be happy
- 12 to answer any questions.
- BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 14 Mortensen.
- Mr. Jones.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER JONES: Just a quick one. On the
- 17 Styrofoam bill, what does that bill, you know, what's its
- 18 goal?
- 19 MS. MORTENSEN: The author wants to do something
- 20 on Styrofoam. She has a district that she sees a lot of
- 21 Styrofoam cups and packing peanuts that wash up in her
- 22 district and kind of wants to get an idea of what's
- 23 happening with Styrofoam, what it's used for currently,
- 24 what the reuse and recycling options are. And it sounds
- 25 like most of that is going to be covered in the RPPC

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- 1 white paper, so there shouldn't be too much of a cost or
- 2 too much of a deviation from what we were already doing.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER JONES: All right.
- 4 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you. And
- 5 Ms. Mortensen, we really appreciate all your fine work
- 6 and your report and the filling in, and thank you.
- 7 MS. MORTENSEN: No problem. My pleasure.
- 8 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: And before we go
- 9 to a final public comments I wanted to turn it over to
- 10 Mr. Medina.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER MEDINA: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 12 Before we adjourn I did want to take a moment to
- 13 recognize Mary Farr who has loyally and steadfastly
- 14 served as my technical advisor for the past year. This
- is Mary's last Board meeting in her current capacity, and
- 16 so I want to thank you, Mary, for doing an outstanding
- job and for bringing me up to speed as a new Board
- 18 member.
- I know that Patty, Arturo, and I will wish you
- 20 well in your new assignment, and that we will miss you,
- 21 but we're glad that you're still here working for the
- 22 Waste Board, and look forward to working with you.
- 23 (APPLAUSE.)
- MS. FARR: Thank you.
- 25 BOARD CHAIR MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very

1 much, Mary. And we look forward to working for you.
2 Any final comments, public comments before

4 Okay. This meeting is adjourned.

5 (Thereupon the foregoing meeting was

6 concluded at 4:09 p.m.)

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